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'This pain will never leave me'

A mother's agony highlights the consequences of distracted driving

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

It took just a moment of distraction last August to change Mary Springer's life forever.

On Aug. 9, 2019, her 24-year-old son, Alex Springer of Paw Paw, was killed when his vehicle was rear-ended on I-94 by a car driven by Serena Delaney, 26, of Hartford.

"Alex's absence haunts me," Mary Springer said on Jan. 27 as she read her victim's impact statement at Delaney's sentencing in the Berrien County Courthouse in St. Joseph. "I feel it every second of every day. It's behind my eyes, my smile, it never leaves me. I wear it like a second skin, feel the loss of him with every breath I take. He was so full of life and energy."

Don Campbell / HP staff

Mary Springer of Paw Paw holds a portrait of her son Alex, who was killed last August in a crash on I-94 when a distracted driver plowed into the back of Alex Springer's vehicle.

Photo provided / Berrien County Sheriff's Office

Alex Springer was killed and two children in his vehicle were seriously injured last Aug. 9 when he was rear-ended while stopped on I-94 due to construction.

Alex Springer had just picked up his girlfriend's two young children while heading home from work. The children, in car seats in the back seat, were seriously injured. The crash broke both legs of the 2-year-old boy. The 13-month-old girl required stitches on her face to close a wound that is expected to leave a scar. His girlfriend, who wasn't in the car, was nine months pregnant with his first child.

"He wanted to teach his children new things and give them all of the experiences he possibly could," Mary Springer read. "He loved taking them to the zoo, the nature center, play parks."

Delaney pleaded no contest to one count of moving violation causing death and one count of moving violation causing serious injury, both misdemeanors. A second count of moving violation causing serious injury was dismissed.

"He loved life and because of a distracted moment his was cut tragically short, and our world is now void of that spark that was Alex-Michael Springer," Mary Springer read. "None of us will ever be the same. Twenty-four years were not enough."

After picking up the children, Alex Springer encountered backed up traffic on I-94 due to construction. He stopped his 2017 Chevrolet Malibu near mile marker 42 in Watervliet Township. The impact of Delaney's 2005 Hyundai Tucson caused a chain reaction that damaged not only Alex Springer's Malibu, but three vehicles in front of him.

The damage was so great that Berrien County Sheriff's deputies initially thought that he had failed to stop and crashed into the car in front of him, with Delaney then hitting him.

But information from the Malibu's black box showed that he had been stopped for two seconds before he was hit. After being hit, the black box showed that the Malibu went from zero to 42 miles per hour in one-third of a second.

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MARY SPRINGER, WHOSE SON WAS KILLED LAST AUGUST BY A DISTRACTED DRIVER ON I-94

"Zero to 42 and the young man who saw endless possibilities in the stars of the midnight sky was gone in less than a second," his mother read. "The force of the impact was unsurvivable. Not a scratch or a broken bone. Just the subtle shift of his brain tearing the brain stem and leaving us all to wonder, what was so important to you that day that you took your eyes off that road?"

Emergency responders found Alex Springer unresponsive. He was airlifted to Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo.

His mother told The Herald-Palladium after the sentencing that her son was expected to die that night. But he was a fighter, living 17 days before dying on Aug. 27, although he never regained consciousness.

"He had a fabulous job and a baby on the way," she said. "He didn't want to leave."

His daughter, Elizabeth Marie Springer, was born on Aug. 22 – five days before her father died.

"I helped cut the cord bringing Elizabeth into the world while he lay in a coma and then just days later I wrapped my arms around my son and said goodbye," she read during the sentencing. "I was there when he took his first breath on earth and I was holding him when he took his first breath in heaven. I am forever changed. This loss has become a part of who I am now. This pain will never leave me."

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Police: Call them car 'crashes,' not 'accidents'

Authorities seek to rebrand deadly vehicle collisions

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

Distracted drivers in America kill more than 3,000 people each year, which is about nine per day, leaving their families devastated.

It doesn't have to be that way, said Det. Sgt. Thad Chartrand from the Berrien County Sheriff's Office.

He said most of the collisions caused by distracted drivers could have been avoided if drivers just paid attention. That's why there's been a push over the past few years to call collisions "crashes" instead of "accidents."

Calling them accidents implies that there was no way the collision could have been avoided, said Chartrand, who leads the team that reconstructs collisions that cause serious injuries or death.

For example, he said drivers are required to follow other vehicles at a safe distance so they can stop if the other vehicle stops suddenly. Some drivers blame bad weather or icy roads if they are unable to stop in time to avoid a collision. But Chartrand said that usually means they were driving too fast for conditions and the crash could have been avoided if they were driving slower.

Failure to yield, driving too fast for conditions and speeding are examples of moving violations. If there is a serious injury or death in a crash caused by a moving violation, Michigan law was changed in 2010 so the driver can be charged criminally with a misdemeanor and face up to a year in jail and a $2,000 fine if the collision caused a death. In the case of a serious injury, the driver causing the crash faces up to 93 days in jail and a $500 fine.

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Mall closed Friday due to lack of heat

By JULIE SWIDWA
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BENTON TOWNSHIP — The Orchards Mall was closed Friday due to extreme cold temperatures and no heat at the mall.

Joann Fabrics and Crafts and Slackers Family Fun Center were open because they have their own entrances and separate heat, according to Slackers Manager Rick Burch.

He said he did not know why there is no heat in the mall.

The Orchards Mall posted on its Facebook page late Thursday that it would be closed Friday due to the lack of heat and freezing temperatures outside.

Mall Manager Ed Moore said by telephone Friday that he expected the mall to be open today.

Moore said the heat wasn't working at the mall when Durga LLC of Cincinnati bought it in November 2018.

"There is no heat. The heat has not been repaired. He has plans to do something but no heating and cooling company is going to get on the roof when there's snow," Moore said.

The owner has in recent months narrowly escaped the mall being shut down or foreclosed on by making last-minute payments on overdue property taxes and unpaid water bills.

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Lawmakers face off with bottled water companies

Michigan among states considering restricting groundwater bottling

By ALEX BROWN
Stateline.org

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Washington state, land of sprawling rainforests and glacier-fed rivers, might soon become the first in the nation to ban water bottling companies from tapping spring-fed sources.

The proposal is one of several efforts at the state and local level to fend off the fast-growing bottled water industry and protect local groundwater. Local activists throughout the country say bottling companies are taking their water virtually for free, depleting springs and aquifers, then packaging it in plastic bottles and shipping it elsewhere for sale.

"I was literally beyond shocked," said Washington state Sen. Reuven Carlyle, who sponsored the bill to ban bottling companies from extracting groundwater. It was advanced by a Senate committee last week.

"I was jolted to the core to realize the depth and breadth and magnitude of how they have lawyered up in these small towns to take advantage of water rights," the Democrat said. "The fact that we have incredibly loose, if virtually nonexistent, policy guidelines around this is shocking and a categorical failure."

Elsewhere, lawmakers in Michigan and Maine also have filed bills to restrict the bottling of groundwater or tax the industry. Local ballot measures have passed in Oregon and Montana to restrict the industry, though Flathead County, Montana's zoning change remains tied up in court.

"The Washington state bill is groundbreaking," said Mary Grant, a water policy specialist with the environmental group Food and Water Watch. "As water scarcity is becoming a deeper crisis, you want to protect your local water supply so it goes for local purposes. [Bottled water] is not an industry that needs to exist."

Though much of the controversy around the bottled water industry has concerned "bottled at the source" spring water sites, nearly two-thirds of the bottled water sold in the United States comes from municipal tap water, according to Food and Water Watch. The Washington state legislation would not keep companies from buying and reselling tap water.

Americans consumed nearly 14 billion gallons of bottled water in 2018, while sales reached $19 billion – more than doubling the industry's size in 2004. The bottled water industry is expected to grow to more than $24 billion in the next three years, according to Beverage Industry magazine.

Industry leaders have opposed sweeping legislation that would cut off resources, pointing out the potential hit to local employment and the importance of bottled water in disaster relief.

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Amid coronavirus fears, a second wave of flu hits U.S. kids

By MIKE STOBBE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A second wave of flu is hitting the U.S., turning this into one of the nastiest seasons for children in a decade.

The number of child deaths and the hospitalization rate for youngsters are the highest seen at this point in any season since the severe flu outbreak of 2009-10, health officials said Friday. And the wave is expected to keep going for weeks.

Experts say it is potentially a bad time for an extended flu season, given concerns about the new coronavirus out of China, which can cause symptoms that can be difficult to distinguish from flu without testing.

If coronavirus were to begin spreading in the U.S., there could be confusion about whether people are getting sick with it or the flu, said Dr. William Schaffner, an infectious-diseases expert at Vanderbilt University.

This flu season got off to its earliest start in 15 years, with surges of flu-like illnesses seen in parts of the South as early as October. Most cases were caused by a type of flu that usually causes substantial infections only in the spring, at the tail end of the flu season.

That wave peaked in late December and dropped steadily for weeks afterward.

But a second surge began in late January. Last week saw another rise in the percentage of doctor's office visits that were due to flu-like illness, according to the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

"We have not yet peaked for influenza. We are still on our way up," Dr. David Weber, a University of North Carolina infectious-diseases specialist, said of the patient traffic in Chapel Hill.

Overall, the CDC estimated that 26 million Americans have gotten sick with flu this past fall and winter, with about 250,000 flu-related hospitalizations and around 14,000 deaths.

The viruses behind both waves can be hard on children and young adults. But they aren't considered as dangerous to retirement-age people – good news, since most flu deaths and hospitalizations each winter occur in the elderly.

In fact, the overall death and hospitalization rates this season are not high "because we haven't seen the elderly as involved in this flu season," said the CDC's Lynnette Brammer.

But 92 flu-related deaths have already been reported in children, a higher total at this point of the year than in any season in the past decade. And the hospitalization rates also are far higher than what's been seen at this point.

The CDC said the reason is that two strains of the flu that are tough on children are spreading in the same season.

The health agency is expected to release an estimate next week of how effective the flu vaccine has been.

LOTTERIES

Friday drawings

Michigan

Poker Lotto
AH-5D-6D-9H-7S
Midday Daily 3
2-9-7
Midday Daily 4
9-1-7-7
Daily 3
5-0-4
Daily 4
7-0-7-2
Fantasy 5
07-12-15-17-38
Keno
02-05-07-12-14-22-26-30-38-39-50-56-57-59-61-62-63-64-72-75-79-80
Mega Millions jackpot
$40 million
Powerball jackpot
$40 million

Thursday drawings

Indiana

Cash 5
16-20-25-26-42
Cash4Life
01-11-27-45-47, Cash Ball: 4
Quick Draw Midday
06-09-10-12-15-16-17-18-25-26-28-30-37-43-52-58-60-61-65-79, BE: 25
Daily Three-Midday
1-8-3, SB: 2
Daily Three-Evening
8-0-4, SB: 3
Daily Four-Midday
0-7-0-3, SB: 2
Daily Four-Evening
4-2-6-3, SB: 3
Quick Draw Evening
03-06-12-16-17-27-28-41-43-46-49-51-54-56-60-64-68-71-72-75, BE: 17

Thursday drawings

Illinois

Lotto
07-12-14-25-29-38, Extra Shot: 2
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
02-33-36-37-43
Pick Three-Midday
0-3-2, Fireball: 2
Pick Three-Evening
4-8-1, Fireball: 6
Pick Four-Midday
5-6-1-8, Fireball: 3
Pick Four-Evening
7-6-0-4, Fireball: 2
Lucky Day Lotto
06-19-22-29-32

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People watch and take photographs of a light installation during the Bright festival in Brussels, Friday.

STATE

Remains of sailor killed in Pearl Harbor attack identified

DETROIT (AP) — Officials have accounted for the remains of a sailor from Detroit who was killed during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

The remains of Navy Seaman 1st Class Edward Wasielewski were identified May 15, the Department of Defense said.

They will be buried Feb. 21 in San Diego.

Wasielewski was 21 and assigned to the USS Oklahoma when he died in the Dec. 7, 1941 aerial attack on the U.S. naval base in Hawaii. More than 400 of the battleship's crew were killed.

It took several years to recover and bury the remains. The military identified 35 of them in 1947, but new forensic technology became available in 2015 and other remains were tested.

Man charged with murder in slaying at Detroit motel

DETROIT (AP) — A Detroit man has been charged in the beating death of another man inside an east side motel room.

Jimmy Pickett, 24, was arraigned Friday on first-degree felony murder, according to the Wayne County prosecutor's office.

Police found the body of Bashar Kallabat, 56, of Bloomfield Hills, Tuesday night. Property belonging to Kallabat was taken and the slaying remains under investigation, prosecutors said.

Pickett has a Feb. 28 probable cause conference and March 6 preliminary examination.

NATION

In retort to abortion ban, lawmaker calls for vasectomies

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — An Alabama lawmaker fed up with her colleagues' attempts to outlaw abortion has filed legislation to require all men over 50 to get vasectomies.

Democratic Rep. Rolanda Hollis said Friday that she introduced the bill to send "the message that men should not be legislating what women do with their bodies."

Alabama lawmakers last year approved a ban on abortion unless the woman's life was in danger. A federal judge blocked the law from taking effect while a legal challenge plays out in court.

"Year after year the majority party continues to introduce new legislation that tries to dictate a woman's body and her reproductive rights. We should view this as the same outrageous overstep in authority," the Birmingham lawmaker wrote in a statement texted to The Associated Press.

Hollis said that doctors, and not legislators, are the ones to be consulted over surgery, medications and making the "incredibly difficult decisions" related to personal reproductive rights.

Oklahoma professor who used slur to step down, get training

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — A University of Oklahoma journalism professor who used a racial slur during a class lecture will step down from teaching the course for the rest of the semester and undergo racial sensitivity training, the college's dean said told students and faculty on Friday.

In a letter to faculty and students, Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication Dean Ed Kelley said professor Peter Gade "has agreed that this episode is a chance to learn and grow."

Kelley said Gade will engage in the university's program in culturally competent communication and meet with the university's Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion staff.

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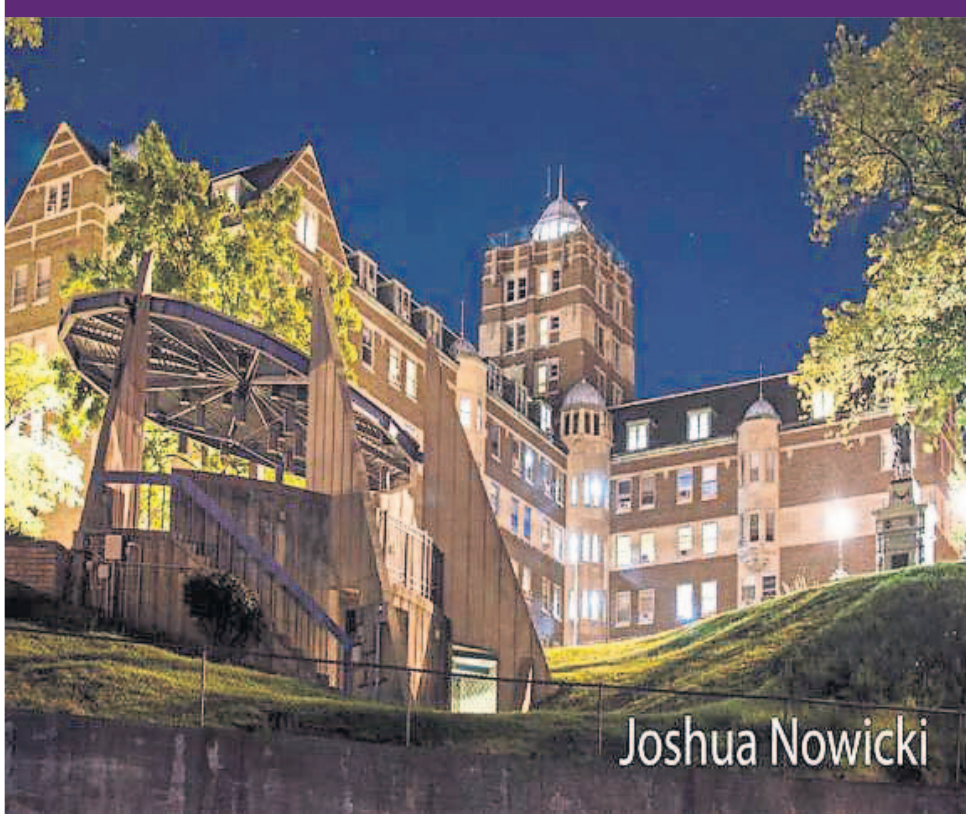

Trump ignores Barr's plea to back off tweeting

By MICHAEL BALSAMO, COLLEEN LONG and ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Unbowed by a public rebuke from his attorney general, President Donald Trump on Friday declared he has the "legal right" to intervene in criminal cases and sidestep the Justice Department's historic independence. At the same time, it was revealed federal prosecutors have been ordered to review the criminal case of his former national security adviser.

A day after Attorney General William Barr said the president's tweets were making it "impossible for me to do my job," Trump declared he had the right to ask the agency to intervene in cases but so far has "chosen not to." It was a rare public flare-up of tensions, simmering for weeks at the upper echelon of the Trump administration, as Barr marked one year on the job Friday.

While Barr complained that Trump's tweets undermine the department's perception as independent from political interference, he has proven to be eager to deliver on many of the president's investigative priorities – often laid out by Trump for all to see on Twitter.

The attorney general stepped in this week to alter the sentencing recommendation that Trump had denounced as too harsh for his ally Roger Stone. Also, Justice Department prosecutors are reviewing the handling of the federal investigation into Trump's former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn, a person familiar with the matter told The Associated Press on Friday. And Barr has appointed a U.S. attorney who is conducting a criminal investigation into the origins of the FBI's probe of the 2016 election that morphed into special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation of possible Trump-Russia cooperation.

Flynn has pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI during its probe of ties between the Trump campaign and Russia, but his sentencing has been postponed several times after he complained he was misled during his questioning. The U.S. attorney in St. Louis, Jeff Jensen, is working with Brandon Van Grack, a member of Mueller's team, to review the Flynn case, a Justice Department official said.

As president, Trump technically has the right to compel the Justice Department, an executive branch agency, to launch investigations. But historically, when it comes to decisions on criminal investigations and prosecutions, Justice has functioned independently, unmoved and unbound by political sway. And that reputation is important to Barr, as he made clear in an interview Thursday on ABC News.

"I'm happy to say that, in fact, the president has never asked me to do anything in a criminal case," Barr said. "However, to have public statements and tweets made about the department, about our people ... about cases pending in the department, and about judges before whom we have cases, make it impossible for me to do my job and to assure the courts and the prosecutors in the department that we're doing our work with integrity."

Go West: 2020 Democrats seek their fortunes in Nevada

By MICHELLE L. PRICE
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — As the Democratic presidential race hurtles toward Nevada, candidates in the still-crowded field are jumping into their first test in a racially diverse state with solid union muscle and shaky plans for a presidential caucus.

Nevada has no obvious front-runner, though Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders heads into the contest on strong footing. The state has received only a sliver of the attention of the first two states on the primary calendar, Iowa and New Hampshire. Looking at the jumbled field, the state's most powerful union decided to take a pass on endorsing a candidate, rather than make a divisive choice or risk picking a loser. Most of the state's most prominent officials have stayed neutral.

The open race has every Democrat spending much of the next week searching for fortunes in the state's working-class neighborhoods, union halls, casino convention halls and stuccoed suburbs. For Sanders and former South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg, it's a chance to prove their staying power after strong finishes in Iowa and New Hampshire. For former Vice President Joe Biden and Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, it could be a life preserver to rescue their bids after disappointing starts. For Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar, it's a chance to prove her third-place finish in New Hampshire wasn't a fluke.

Candidates are making a get-out-the-vote push Saturday morning as early voting starts, and they plan to attend a Saturday night fundraising gala for the Las Vegas-based Clark County Democratic Party. Several candidates are making the hourlong flight up to Reno, a city newly flush with tech money and California transplants, and are due back in Las Vegas on Wednesday for the ninth Democratic debate.

This year, with the results of Iowa's caucuses muddled by technology and reporting problems, Nevada is under pressure to pull off a problem-free caucus. The Nevada State Democratic Party abandoned its original plans to use an app like the one that caused trouble in Iowa and has scrambled to come up with a new system to tabulate results.

The state party said this week that it will try to use simpler technology and a backup paper record, though election experts have warned that deploying new technology and processes without sufficient training can cause problems.

The party has been fortified and professionalized over the years by former Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid. The organizing force of the party and its allies is still referred to as the "Reid Machine," and many of his former staffers hold key roles on the presidential campaigns.

The 80-year-old former senator, who retired in 2016 and has been battling cancer, has repeatedly said he won't endorse before Nevada's caucuses. His decision not to back a candidate in the still-volatile field has been echoed by many of Nevada's top elected officials, including the governor, two Democratic senators and two of three Democratic members of the House.

The state's most powerful union also decided not to endorse. The 60,000-member casino workers' Culinary Union announced Thursday it would work instead to get out the vote and defeat President Donald Trump in 2020. The decision was a particular blow to Biden, who has long-standing ties to the union and needed an extra boost heading into Nevada.

While no candidate has earned its backing, the union hasn't been shy about discouraging support for Sanders and Warren, whose "Medicare For All" plans would move to a government-run insurance system. The union, which prizes the health care plans its members bargained hard for over the years, said its insurance would be doomed under Medicare for All.

Early on in the race, Biden seemed to have an advantage in Nevada, with early support in Nevada's communities of color and long ties to the state. He topped polls into early 2020, but Nevada polling has been scarce since voting in the race began.

"This is his chance to shine. He's put together a broad cross section of voters who support him," said Rep. Dina Titus, who represents Las Vegas and has endorsed Biden.

Andres Ramirez, a Democratic strategist in Las Vegas, said he hasn't seen Biden shine yet.

"I'm seeing less than I thought I would see from Biden," he said. "I just assumed I'd see more."

Democratic Rep. Steven Horsford, Nevada's lone black member of Congress, announced Friday he was backing Biden, saying in a statement that "Joe knows Nevada."

Although Sanders lost Nevada to Hillary Clinton four years ago, he's well situated this time. The Vermont senator has amassed an enormous campaign team that's topped 250 staff this week.

And while many candidates have reached out to Nevada's Latinos, who make up 29 percent of the state's population, Sanders has reached deep into Hispanic neighborhoods. He also has a well of support in northern Nevada and on college and university campuses.

Sanders' operation is also targeting voters in Nevada's far-flung places, with plans to bus voters to caucus sites. Barack Obama's 2008 win is often attributed to his focus on rural voters, who have extra influence in a complicated caucus system.

Kimi Cole, the chair of the Rural Nevada Democratic Caucus, said when it comes to hitting rural voters, "Sanders is more consistent, but Buttigieg is hitting it very, very hard."

"I talk to a lot of people who are just flat undecided at this point," Cole said.

Virus renews safety concerns about slaughtering wild animals

By SAM MCNEIL and CANDICE CHOI
Associated Press

Anti-Poaching Special Squad / AP photo

Police gather outside a store suspected of trafficking in wildlife in the city of Guangde in central China's Anhui province on Jan 9.

BEIJING — China cracked down on the sale of exotic species after an outbreak of a new virus in 2002 was linked to markets selling live animals. The germ turned out to be a coronavirus that caused SARS.

The ban was later lifted, and the animals reappeared. Now another coronavirus is spreading through China, so far killing 1,380 people and sickening more than 64,000 – eight times the number sickened by SARS.

The suspected origin? The same type of market.

With more than 60 million people under lockdown in more than a dozen Chinese cities, the new outbreak is prompting calls to permanently ban the sale of wildlife, which many say is being fueled by a limited group of wealthy people who consider the animals delicacies. The spreading illness also serves as a grim reminder that how animals are handled anywhere can endanger people everywhere.

"There's a vast number of viruses in the animal world that have not spread to humans, and have the potential to do so," said Robert Webster, an expert on influenza viruses at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

SARS and the current outbreak of COVID-19 are not the only diseases in people traced back to animals. The killing and sale of what is known as bushmeat in Africa is thought to be a source for Ebola. Bird flu likely came from chickens at a market in Hong Kong in 1997. Measles is believed to have evolved from a virus that infected cattle.

Scientists have not yet determined exactly how the new coronavirus first infected people. Evidence suggests it originated in bats, which infected another animal that spread it to people at a market in the southeastern city of Wuhan. The now-shuttered Huanan Seafood Wholesale Market advertised dozens of species such as giant salamanders, baby crocodiles and raccoon dogs that were often referred to as wildlife, even when they were farmed.

Of the 33 samples from the Wuhan market that tested positive for the coronavirus, officials say 31 were from the area where wildlife booths were concentrated. Compared with long domesticated livestock like chickens and pigs, researchers say less is known about the viruses that circulate in wild animals.

The Wuhan market was also like many other "wet markets" in Asia and elsewhere, where animals are tied up or stacked in cages. Activists say it's difficult to distinguish between those that were legally farmed and those that may have been illegally hunted. The animals are often killed on site to ensure freshness. The messy mix raises the tiny odds that a new virus will jump to people handling the animals and start to spread, experts say.

"You've got live animals, so there's feces everywhere. There's blood because of people chopping them up," said Peter Daszak, president of EcoHealth Alliance, which works to protect wildlife and public health from emerging diseases.

And more frequent global travel and trade means there's greater risk for outbreaks to spread, Daszak said.

China's taste for wildlife is relatively new, prompted by the country's economic growth, said Peter Li, who studies Chinese politics at the University of Houston. But with the outbreak upending lives across the country, many on Chinese social media are expressing frustration that rich people's appetite for wild animals is again endangering everyone else.

"This is the second time … the first is SARS, this time is Wuhan. We don't want a third time," Lai Xinping, a project cost assessor, said by phone from her home in Sichuan.

"We hate them too, and we are blamed," said Tao Yiwei, a 36-year-old homemaker. She is among those who want the temporary ban on wildlife, enacted to contain the current outbreak, to be permanent.

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WATER

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"This legislation would prevent any community from having these jobs or having a project in their area," said Brad Boswell, executive director of the Washington Beverage Association, who testified against the bill. "We think these issues are best dealt with on a project-by-project basis."

The International Bottled Water Association defended the track record of its members in an emailed statement. The bill in Washington and other legislation to limit the industry "are based on the false premise that the bottled water industry is harming the environment," wrote Jill Culora, the group's vice president of communications.

"All IBWA members," she wrote, "are good stewards of the environment. When a bottled water company decides to build a plant, it looks for a long-term, sustainable source of water and the ability to protect the land and environment around the source and bottling facility."

Culora did not address specific examples of community claims that bottling companies have damaged their watersheds and aquifers.

The American Beverage Association, which represents bottled water and soft drink companies, declined to take a stance on Washington's proposed ban, calling it a "local issue" that would be better addressed by in-state bottlers.

Local fights

When residents in Randle, Washington, learned of a proposed Crystal Geyser operation last year, some worried about a large industrial plant in their quiet, rural valley near Mount Rainier.

Many feared that the company's plan to pump 400 gallons a minute from springs on the site would deplete the local aquifer and dry up their wells.

The worry turned to furor when a leaked email exposed the company's plan to sue the nearby subdivision in response to neighbor opposition, then conduct an underground public relations campaign to gain support for the project.

"Pumping water out of the ground, putting it in plastic bottles and exporting it out of the state of Washington is not in the public interest," said Craig Jasmer, a leader of the Lewis County Water Alliance, the group that sprung up to oppose the Randle plant and has pushed for the statewide ban.

Recent news increased the concerns: Last month, Crystal Geyser pled guilty to storing arsenic-contaminated wastewater at a California facility, and then illegally dumping the water into a sewer after being confronted by authorities. The company did not respond to a Stateline request for comment.

In 2016, Crystal Geyser paid a timber company for access to a spring that had historically provided the water for the city of Weed, California, forcing the town to find a new water supply.

Local activists in California, Oregon, Michigan and Florida say they've been targeted by big bottlers that damage the environment and provide scant economic benefit.

Nestle has drawn criticism for its bottling operation in California's San Bernardino National Forest, which federal officials have concluded is "drying up" creeks.

"[The creeks] are visibly different where the water is extracted and where it's not," said Michael O'Heaney, executive director of the Story of Stuff Project, a California-based group that makes films about waste, pollution and environmental issues.

During California's drought, he said, "Nestle wasn't being asked to curtail its water [in]take at the same time as Californians were being asked to significantly reduce the amount of water they were using."

Just across the Columbia River from Washington, the residents of Hood River County, Oregon, passed a ballot measure in 2016 to ban commercial water bottling after Nestle announced plans to build a plant that would extract more than 100 million gallons a year.

Aurora del Val, who helped lead the campaign for the ballot measure, said Nestle first made inroads with local officials, promising jobs for an area that had seen its economy suffer with the decline of the timber industry.

"This seemed like the golden ticket to having a boomtown again," she said. "But the more educated people became, the more opposition there was in the town."

In an emailed statement, Nestle noted its contributions to state economies – one study showed it provided 900 jobs and had an economic impact of $250 million in Florida in 2018. The company also defended its environmental record, without addressing specific claims that its operations are damaging watersheds.

"We have a proven track record of successful long-term management of water resources in states where we operate," wrote Nestle Waters North America spokesman Adam Gaber. "It would make absolutely NO sense for Nestle Waters to invest millions of dollars into local operations just to deplete the natural resources on which our business relies."

Michigan melee

One of Nestle's most controversial projects is in Osceola Township, Michigan, where local officials are fighting the company's plan to nearly double the groundwater it extracts from the area.

Locals say that nearby trout streams have turned into mud flats since Nestle's arrival, and its promise of jobs did not materialize when it chose to build its bottling plant miles away.

"Streams are flooding all over Michigan, except for Twin and Chippewa creeks, which are not," said Peggy Case, president of the group Michigan Citizens for Water Conservation. "The city aquifer is down 14 feet now, and it's not recharging. There are people with wells in the area that are starting to run dry. They no longer are as happy with Nestle as they used to be."

Even if the company's operations had no environmental effect, Case said her group would still object.

"They are privatizing water," she said, "and we are opposed to that."

In a state where the Flint water crisis is still fresh in people's minds, and residents carry a fierce pride in their Great Lakes heritage, water resources are a charged issue, said state Rep. Yousef Rabhi, a Democrat. Rabhi is part of a group of lawmakers pushing a package of bills that would limit the bottled water industry.

Rabhi has filed a bill that would define water as a public trust, instead of a privately owned commodity. Another measure would prohibit shipping bottled water out of the Great Lakes watershed. A third bill would bolster the regulatory authority of the state Department of Natural Resources.

Rabhi has previously proposed a wholesale excise tax on corporations selling bottled water. He said another group of legislators is working on a similar tax bill this year.

A representative for Absopure, a Michigan-based company that bottles spring water, did not respond to a request for comment. The Michigan Retailers Association said it was not taking a position on the bill, while the Michigan Soft Drink Association and the Michigan Chamber of Commerce did not respond to requests for comment.

In an emailed response, Nestle said the Michigan bills unfairly "single out one industry, one type of water user, for such restrictions." The company noted that water bottling accounts for less than 0.01 percent of water use in the state and said its Michigan operations employ 280 workers.

Opponents counter that the industry's water use is wholly extractive, while other heavy users, such as agriculture, return much of the water they use to the watershed.

All eyes on Washington

Carlyle's bill in Washington has eight co-sponsors, all Democrats except for state Sen. John Braun, the Republican who represents the Randle community that battled Crystal Geyser. Braun did not offer comment when reached by text message.

The bill moved through the Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks Committee. Backers are waiting to see whether it will be added to the Senate voting calendar.

However, some lawmakers have expressed misgivings about taking statewide action against a specific business.

"We're looking at banning a certain industry," Republican state Sen. Judy Warnick said at a committee meeting on the measure, before voting against it. "I understand the need to protect water withdrawals in certain areas, but what we're doing is taking away the right of locals to decide that."

Warnick, as well as the other two GOP senators who voted against the bill in committee, received $2,000 each in campaign contributions from the Washington Beverage Association during the last campaign cycle. Warnick did not respond to a request for comment.

1st Democratic debate after Super Tuesday slated for Phoenix

Elise Amendola / AP

Democratic presidential candidates participate Feb. 7, in a Democratic presidential primary debate hosted by ABC News, Apple News, and WMUR-TV at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, N.H.

PHOENIX (AP) — Democratic presidential hopefuls will debate in Phoenix next month in their first meeting after the crucial Super Tuesday primaries that typically narrow the field of candidates, the Democratic National Committee announced Friday.

The Democrats' 11th debate of the 2020 election cycle will be broadcast on CNN and Univision on March 15.

The debate comes two days before Arizona's March 17 primary, but many voters will likely have already cast their ballots in a state that votes overwhelmingly by mail.

The debate is being hosted in partnership with Bold PAC, the political arm of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus.

Party Chairman Tom Perez has not yet decided the qualification thresholds for the March debate. The chairman drew fire in recent weeks for declaring that spots on the Feb. 19 debate stage in Las Vegas could be secured without meeting any minimum number of donors.

Removing that provision that had been in place for earlier debates opens the door to billionaire former New York Mayor Mike Bloomberg to participate if he hits the polling minimums.

For the first time, Arizona is expected to be a crucial battleground in the November election. Historically a Republican stronghold, Arizona has moved toward the middle in recent years. The state is home to a growing young Latino population and many white, college-educated, suburban women – groups that President Donald Trump has struggled to solidify.

DISTRACTED

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His girlfriend, Tierrah Adams, told Berrien County Trial Court Judge Gordon Hosbein about the last time she saw Alex Springer.

"As he left for work, he put his hand on my pregnant belly and kissed me goodbye," she said. "... He was excited for our daughter's arrival. ... We often talked about our future."

His father, Kenneth Springer, said the loss of his son is devastating mentally, financially and emotionally.

"She took everything away from us," he told the judge. "... There will never be an amount of time that will cure this."

Berrien County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Courtney O'Malley-Septoski said it's the court's job to make sure people follow the rules of the road so crashes like this don't happen.

"This makes it very clear. Anytime you get into a car, you are in a position to ruin many lives," she said.

Hosbein sentenced Delaney to nine months of probation and 240 hours of community service. In addition, she must attend a Michigan Victim Impact Panel and pay restitution in an amount to be worked out between the two parties. By law, her driver's license was suspended for one year.

Delaney could have received up to a year in jail. But Hosbein cited her clean record in making his decision.

"No jail is going to make anybody feel better," he said. "No amount of money is going to make anybody feel better. It's a terrible thing."

Delaney's attorney, Kevin Banyon, told the judge that Delaney feels horrible about what happened. He said accidents are usually resolved in civil court, but moving violations are now in criminal court.

"That's just what this was, an accident," he said. "Drugs and alcohol and speed were not involved."

After the sentencing, Mary Springer said she wants people to understand that there are consequences to driving while distracted. Every death sends another family into mourning.

Nationally, there are at least 3,400 deaths annually due to crashes from distracted driving, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"All of it truly was because she was distracted," Mary Springer told The Herald-Palladium. "She wasn't a bad girl. She was distracted and careless that day."

And her biggest question is – what distracted Delaney on that day?

"I forgive her," she said. "I'm sure she didn't get up in the morning with the intent to kill my son."

Berrien County Prosecutor Michael Sepic said after the sentencing that investigators were never able to determine what distracted her.

But in the end, he said it really doesn't matter.

Mary Springer told the judge that she will forever miss her son.

"I lie awake at night and relive his nightmare over and over," Mary Springer read. "... There is no closure for us. Only the unending, devastating grief and sense of loss."

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CRASHES

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Before the law was changed, prosecutors had to show that distracted drivers were grossly negligent, meaning that they showed deliberate and reckless disregard for the safety of others. The charges they could face were manslaughter or negligent homicide.

"With distracted driving, is that gross negligence? Is bending down to get that french fry gross negligence or is that just negligence," Chartrand said. "If you couldn't show gross negligence, you're not going to be able to convict someone."

Berrien County Prosecutor Michael Sepic said that with the new law, prosecutors just need to show that the driver was committing a civil infraction that resulted in the serious injury or death of another person.

"That's a lower standard," he said.

But the penalties are also lower.

The 2010 law eliminated the offenses of felonious driving and negligent homicide, which had much higher penalties.

Chartrand said that the changes in the law are aimed at making the roads safer.

"There were so many people involved in accidents with fatalities or serious injuries where nobody was held responsible for it because the bar was set so high by state law," he said.

Sepic pointed to a recent case where Serena Delaney, 26, of Hartford was charged in a crash on Aug 9 that resulted in the death of a 24-year-old Alex Springer from Paw Paw and the serious injury of two young children.

Springer had stopped on I-94 in Watervliet Township because traffic was backed up due to construction. Delaney rear-ended Springer's vehicle, causing a chain reaction that damaged three cars in front of Springer.

She pleaded no contest to one count of moving violation causing death and one count for moving violation causing serious injury and was sentenced on Jan. 27.

Sepic said that before the law was changed, Delaney possibly wouldn't have been charged because her actions probably didn't rise to the level of gross negligence.

And the law may soon change again. A package of three bills was passed by the Michigan House in December and is in the hands of the state Senate. If signed into law, they would amend various sections of the Michigan Vehicle Code regarding a person using electronic devices while driving.

One of the changes would prohibit drivers from digitally communicating while using mobile electronic devices in their hands or laps. Hands-free interaction would still be allowed. If passed, the bills would also increase the civil fine from $100 to $250 for the first violation and from $200 to $500 for subsequent violations.

Besides adding penalties for moving violations, the 2010 law added the felony charge of reckless driving that causes serious injury or death of another person. Drivers face up to five years in prison and $5,000 in fines if the other person is seriously injured and up to 15 years in prison and $10,000 in fines if the other person dies.

Sepic said that to prove recklessness, a defendant has to have driven a motor vehicle with "willful or wanton disregard" for the safety of other people or property. He said that means the defendant was more than careless, but it does not require proof that the defendant intended to cause harm.

Fighting distracted driving

The fight against distracted driving is being fought on many fronts.

In her 2019 State of the State address, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer called for stricter laws concerning cell phone use by drivers, saying "you cannot navigate the road if you are looking at your phone."

She later designated April as Distracted Driver Awareness Month.

Last November, the Michigan Department of Transportation released a video explaining the distinction between a crash and an accident.

Spl/Lt. Derrick Carroll, public information officer for Michigan State Police Seventh District, said in a news release at the time that he and his colleagues in law enforcement have investigated many crashes in their careers, and he confirms that most stem from driver behavior.

"An accident cannot be reasonably foreseen. A crash is the result of choices made and a disregard for safety," Carroll said. "That's why we in law enforcement call it a traffic crash and never an accident."

The word "accident" was used in the early 1900s by companies seeking to avoid liability for workers injured on the job, according to the news release. In the 1920s, automakers and insurers began using it as well in an effort to shift blame.

More information and the video can be found on a new webpage: www.Michigan.gov/CrashNotAccident.

The website encourages people to go to www.crashnotaccident.com, where they can sign a pledge promising to help educate others about why "crash" is a better word than "accident." The site includes links to share a poster on social media.

"Before the movement to combat drunk driving, intoxicated drivers would say 'it was an accident' when they crashed their cars," the poster states. "Planes don't have accidents. They crash. Cranes don't have accidents. They collapse. And as a society, we expect answers and solutions. Traffic crashes are fixable problems, caused by dangerous streets and unsafe drivers. They are not accidents. Let's stop using the word 'accident' today."

Perennial problem

Distracted driving has been a problem forever. But experts say the advent of cell phones appears to have made the problem worse.

"Anything that takes your eyes off the road, your hands off the wheel or your mind off your driving can be a big problem," states "What Every Driver Must Know," from the Michigan Secretary of State's Office. "Studies show that your brain cannot give full attention to more than one activity at a time. Even seemingly simple tasks such as tuning a radio can be risky, especially in bad weather or heavy traffic. In the estimated quarter of a second it takes the brain to shift attention between two tasks, a car moving at 65 mph covers 24 feet."

A study done by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute found that:

- Dialing a cell phone made the risk of crash or near-crash event 2.8 times as high as non-distracted driving;
- Talking or listening to a cell phone made the risk of crash or near-crash event 1.3 times as high as non-distracted driving; and
- Reaching for an object such as an electronic device made the risk of crash or near-crash event 1.4 times as high as non-distracted driving.

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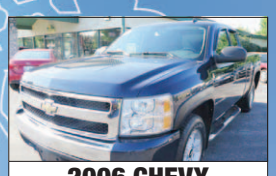

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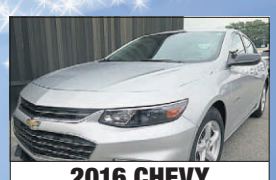

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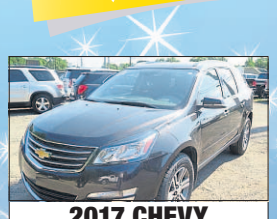

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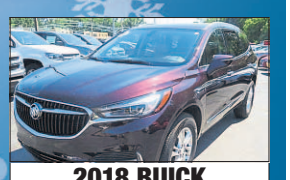

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25 years ago – 1995

Bridgman High School freshmen and sophomores will get a chance next year to take a new science course. Ron Stella, director of instruction, told the school board last night that the class introduces students to geology, meterology, wave theory, astronomy and electrical circuits.

Stella said the new course will bring Bridgman's science curriculum more closely in line with state guidelines.

35 years ago – 1985

Ten years ago this week, Unit 1 began producing electricity at the Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant in Bridgman. During the past decade the 1,030,000-kilowatt unit has proven to be an "outstanding producer" of low-cost electricity.

"The year ended with Unit 1 being available for service an average of 91.3 percent of the time for all of 1984," said W.G. "Bo" Smith, plant manager. "This is among the highest of any similar unit in the nation."

50 years ago – 1970

John Gorton, the 6-2 junior forward cut loose Friday night with a fantastic 43-point performance that powered the Benton Harbor Tigers to their highest score in five years as they hammered out a 98-72 victory over Muskegon Catholic Central to clinch at least a share of the LMAC championship.

Gorton played to the finish, sinking a layup with 17 seconds remaining to become the second highest scorer in Benton Harbor history.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Saturday, Feb. 15, the 46th day of 2020. There are 320 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Feb. 15, 1898, the U.S. battleship Maine mysteriously blew up in Havana Harbor, killing more than 260 crew members and bringing the United States closer to war with Spain.

On this date:

In 1564, Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei was born in Pisa.

In 1879, President Rutherford B. Hayes signed a bill allowing female attorneys to argue cases before the Supreme Court.

In 1933, President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt escaped an assassination attempt in Miami that mortally wounded Chicago Mayor Anton J. Cermak; gunman Giuseppe Zangara was executed more than four weeks later.

In 1952, a funeral was held at Windsor Castle for Britain's King George VI, who had died nine days earlier.

In 1989, the Soviet Union announced that the last of its troops had left Afghanistan, after more than nine years of military intervention.

In 1992, a Milwaukee jury found that Jeffrey Dahmer was sane when he killed and mutilated 15 men and boys. (The decision meant that Dahmer, who had already pleaded guilty to the murders, would receive a mandatory life sentence for each count; Dahmer was beaten to death in prison in 1994.)

In 2004, Dale Earnhardt Jr. won the Daytona 500 on the same track where his father was killed three years earlier.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Scattered Snow	Rain & Snow Possible	Mostly Cloudy	Rain & Snow Possible	Rain & Snow Possible	Mostly Cloudy
32°	24°	34° / 28°	38° / 30°	35° / 25°	26° / 18°

Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 60% chance of scattered snow, high of 32°, humidity of 63%. South wind 19 mph. Snow accumulation of less than one inch possible. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 60% chance of rain and snow, overnight low of 24°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 7:42 a.m.
Sunset ..... 6:17 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 1:00 a.m.
Moonset ..... 11:35 a.m.

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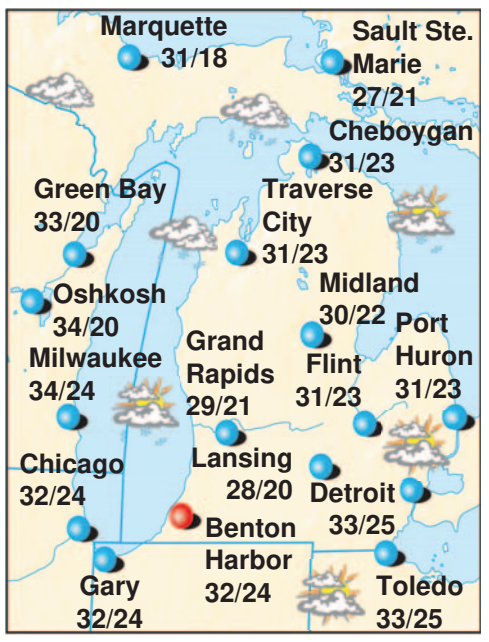


Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	15°
Low	-4°R
Normal High	35°
Normal Low	20°
Record High	53° in 2006
Record Low	5° in 2010

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.24"
Normal for month	0.69"
Year to date	4.10"
Normal Year to date	2.44"

Air Quality

Yesterday 30
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

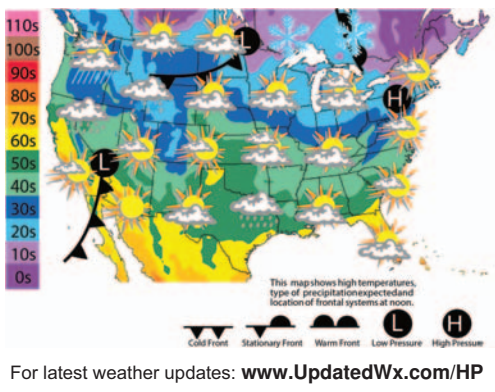
Weather Trivia

What is the blinding effect of a blizzard called? ?

Answer: White out.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Feb. 15, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, S wind 19 to 22 kt. Snow showers likely. Widespread freezing spray. Waves 4 to 5 ft. Water temperature 36 degrees. Tonight, WSW wind 13 to 22 kt.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with widespread snow showers, highs in the 20s and 30s. South southwest wind 14 to 19 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Sunday with highs in the 10s and 20s. West northwest wind 6 to 13 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with isolated snow, highs in the 20s and 30s. South wind 19 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Sunday with highs in the 30s. West wind 2 to 7 mph.

Man upset he can't bring cutout of Donald Trump to dialysis for emotional support

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. (AP) — A Florida man undergoing kidney dialysis three times a week is upset that he can't bring a life-sized cardboard cutout of President Donald Trump for emotional support.

Nelson Gibson told WPBF that his family can't sit with him during his three-and-a-half-hour treatments. To help, he began bringing a picture of Trump as a comfort item.

Gibson said no one complained about the photo. Next, he started bringing a small cardboard cutout of himself standing next to a Trump photo. No one complained about the small cutout.

On Saturday, Gibson took a life-sized cutout of Trump to his treatment at Fresenius Kidney Care in Port St. Lucie. He said that again, no one took issue with this new emotional support item.

But when he returned Tuesday for treatment with the presidential cutout, Gibson ran into a roadblock.

"They told me it was too much and it wasn't a rally," he told the TV station.

His son Eric contacted officials at the facility to find out what the problem was.

"It was supposed to be an issue of safety infectious disease which made no sense," Eric Gibson said.

The Gibsons say they feel singled out since the center typically encourages patients to bring emotional support items.

Gibson said another patient brings in bubble wrap and pops it during her treatment, which he finds nerve wracking.

"What I would really like to happen is for them not to infringe upon my father's freedom of expression" Eric Gibson told the station.

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New Dowagiac Museum exhibit features black history

Dedication will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday

By DEBRA HAIGHT
HP Correspondent

DOWAGIAC — A new exhibit at the Dowagiac Area History Museum pays tribute to the community's African American residents just in time for Black History Month. It also is the start of a renewed effort to get more representation of minorities in the museum exhibits.

"Long-term, my hope is that this is just the start of delving into the African American story as it relates to Dowagiac and Cass County," said Museum Director Steve Arseneau. "I want this to be a springboard into telling a fuller story of the African American experience here."

He noted that Cass County was a major stopping off point for African Americans coming from the South both before the Civil War along the Underground Railroad and after the Civil War.

"The 1910 census showed that Cass County had the highest concentration of African Americans outside of Grand Rapids and Detroit," he said. "One third of the farming acreage in Michigan then was owned by African Americans. The story really has not been told. I want to start telling the story better and have a stronger interpretation in the museum."

A formal dedication of the new permanent exhibit will take place Tuesday at 3 p.m. at the museum, at the corner of Division and West Railroad Streets. The new exhibit features the artwork of Dowagiac artist O'Larry Collins and is in the museum's basement exhibit area.

The exhibit is titled "Time Brings About a Change" and pays tribute to three area African American community leaders who made a significant impact on the local community. While the exhibit holds just two Collins pieces at present, Museum Director Steve Arseneau said he hopes to add to it in the future.

COLLINS

The first Collins piece in the exhibit is one that may be familiar to people who visited the large temporary exhibit of Collins' works two years ago. That piece is entitled "For Who." It features people standing in a soup line in front of a billboard that proclaims America as having the world's highest standard of living and that "There's no way like the American Way."

The new piece is one commissioned by Don and Joan Lyons and Lyons Industries. Don Lyons is the longtime Dowagiac mayor, but made this donation in his private capacity. Arseneau said the Lyons' donations of the two Collins' pieces is important in opening up the conversation with local residents to better represent their experiences in the museum.

As museum visitors will see, the new commissioned piece pays tribute to three African American pioneers and community leaders: Thomas Jefferson Martin, George Grady and Sam Fowlkes. The foreground is a 19th century downtown street scene

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Debra Haight / HP correspondent

Part of the new exhibit features works by Dowagiac artist O'Larry Collins.

Swinging in the snow

Don Campbell / HP staff

Two people brave the snow and cold as they watch waves crash on Silver Beach in St. Joseph on Thursday afternoon.

SMC board member is resigning

Applications to fill vacancy being accepted

By DEBRA HAIGHT
HP Correspondent

DOWAGIAC — More changes are coming to Southwestern Michigan College. Less than two months after Joseph Odenwald took over as the college's eighth president, the SMC board will be welcoming a new trustee in coming weeks.

GRABEMEYER-LAYMAN

Current Trustee Dr. Heidi Grabemeyer-Layman has announced her resignation from the board. In a news release, SMC Board President Tom Jerdon reported

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BERRIEN COUNTY TRIAL COURT

Sentences

St. Joseph

Drugs

Joseph T. Holland, 36, of Baldwin Avenue, Benton Harbor, 150 days in jail, credit for 77 days served, $2,058 in fines and costs, 3 years probation and driver's license suspended for 1 year, restricted after 60 days, for possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, Oct. 1, 2019, in Watervliet.

Richard L. Martin, 58, of 132nd Street, Sturgis, 30 days in jail, credit for 2 days served, $125 in costs and driver's license suspended for 180 days for use of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, second offense, Oct. 10, 2019, in Lake Township.

James E. Coates, 36, of McAlister Street, Benton Harbor, 90 days in jail for maintaining a drug vehicle Dec. 28, 2019, in Benton Harbor.

Milton L. Ray, 37, no permanent address, 270 days in jail, credit for 54 days served, and $198 in costs for possession of narcotics, less than 25 grams cocaine, Sept. 2, 2019, in Benton Township.

Matthew S. Rose, 38, of Red Arrow Highway, Watervliet, 4 days in jail, credit for 4 days served, $575 in fines and costs and driver's license suspended for 1 year, restricted after 60 days, for use of narcotics or cocaine July 7, 2019, in Coloma.

Lori Jo-Loper Bartlett, 43, of Taube Avenue, Benton Harbor, 47 days in jail, credit for 47 days served, $1,388 in fines and costs, 45 days on tether, 18 months probation and driver's license suspended for 180 days, restricted after 30 days, for maintaining a drug vehicle Nov. 20, 2019, in Benton Harbor.

Darron L. Sims, 34, of Circle Drive, Benton Harbor, 120 days in jail, credit for 22 days, and $198 in costs for possession of narcotics, less than 25 grams cocaine, Aug. 8, 2019, in St. Joseph.

Brittany N. Morgan, 27, of East Ivy Court, Eau Claire, 150 days in jail, credit for 23 days served, $1,838 in fines and costs, 2 years probation and driver's license suspended for 1 year, restricted after 60 days, for possession of narcotics, less than 25 grams cocaine, Sept. 11, 2019, in Bainbridge Township.

Drunken driving

L.T. Hoskins Sr., 56, of Buss Avenue, Benton Harbor, 150 days in jail, credit for 40 days served, $2,058 in fines and costs, $100 in restitution, 90 days on SCRAM tether, 3 years probation and completion of the Kalamazoo Probation Enhancement Program for operating while intoxicated, third offense, Dec. 17, 2019, in Benton Harbor.

Jordan Kwiatkowski, 32, of Holland, 1 day in jail, credit for 1 day served, $2,238 in fines and costs, 120 days on SCRAM tether and 4 years probation for operating while intoxicated causing serious injury to Jackson Spicer June 2, 2019, in Lake Township.

Larceny

Michael C. Kibler, 41, of Forrest Beach, Watervliet, 17 days in jail, credit for 17 days served, $1,838 in fines and costs, $1,326 in restitution, 90 days on tether and 18 months probation for attempted larceny in a building, Nov. 11, 2019, at a house in Hagar Township.

Weapons violation

Ricky Levell-Jennings Coates Jr., 36, of Kalamazoo, 20 days in jail, credit for 20 days served, $778 in fines and costs, 90 days on tether and 18 months probation for possession of weapons/ammunition by a felon June 14, 2019, in Benton Harbor.

Other

Dennis L. Bradford, 66, of Empire Avenue, Benton Harbor, 47 days in jail, credit for 47 days served, $1,838 in fines and costs, 120 days on SCRAM tether and 2 years probation for attempted disarming a police officer Dec. 26, 2019, in Bainbridge Township.

Ask a Cop

TROOPER HOLLY HIGGS
Michigan State Police

Why no front plates for vehicles?

Why doesn't Michigan require a front license plate? When did those get discontinued? It seems like requiring a front plate as well as a rear plate would be useful in identifying vehicles police are on the lookout for.

Katie, from St. Joseph

Katie,

Throughout the years "license plate" and "registration plate" have been used interchangeably. Michigan has over 100 years of registration plate history starting in 1903 when individual cities began to issue Michigan license plates for motor vehicles. Two years later Michigan's legislature passed Public Act 196. Public Act 196 granted Michigan Secretary of State (SOS) the statewide responsibility of vehicle registration. These registration "plates" where engraved aluminum discs usually displayed on the dashboard of a vehicle.

In 1907 Michigan SOS required a registration number to be added to the disc. It was the vehicle owner's responsibility to put the registration number on a plate and it needed to be hung from the rear of the vehicle. That same year Michigan required homemade registration plates to be fixed on the front and rear of a vehicle.

Finally, in 1910, Michigan issued the first actual registration plate for the rear of the vehicle. For the next 47 years Michigan only required a rear registration plate on the rear of the vehicle. But then came 1957, and Michigan SOS required both a front and rear registration plate. This must have not been popular with the citizens of Michigan and was only required for 24 years.

It is unknown why in 1981 Michigan stopped requiring a front registration plate. Possibly the Michigan auto industry did not like how the front registration plate looked on their vehicles. More likely it was because the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration standardized the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) format in the same year. Either way, starting in 1982, Michigan rear only registration plates took effect and that is the way it still is today.

To answer your question – why doesn't Michigan require a front license plate? – would be a question for the SOS or legislature. A front and rear registration plate would be helpful in identifying vehicle we are looking for, as we could identify the vehicle from either direction. But sadly, law enforcement does not make laws, we just enforce the laws the legislature passes.

Send in your questions about the law; get an answer from those who enforce it. Email your question to AskACop@TheHP.com and it may be featured in an article.

IN BRIEF

LMC now offering Spanish certificate

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Lake Michigan College is now offering a way for students to be recognized for taking four Spanish language classes.

The Spanish Language Certificate of Achievement is open to all students and can be earned by completing Elementary Spanish I and II and Intermediate Spanish I and II at LMC's Benton Harbor, South Haven and Niles campuses.

Testing options are available for students with Spanish language experience to move directly to the intermediate level.

LMC reported in a news release that it created the certificate to meet the demand for bilingual professionals.

Credit earned from the classes can also be applied toward most associate degrees at LMC. The four courses also meet Higher Learning Commission (HLC) requirements and are designed with both career and transfer in mind.

For questions or more information, contact the Lake Michigan College Foreign Language and Communications Department by emailing Nicholas Brittin atbrittin@lakemichigancollege.edu, calling 927-8759 or visiting www.lakemichigancollege.edu/spanish.

LMC hosting tour days

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Lake Michigan College is hosting four campus tour days this spring at its Benton Harbor location, 2755 E. Napier Ave.

The tours, aimed at students who plan to attend college in the 2020-21 academic year, will include opportunities for students to meet with faculty who teach in their academic programs of interest.

The first tour day is being held today with a faculty session focused on manufacturing, energy and technology.

The next one is March 14 with faculty in the wine and viticulture and visual and performing arts programs. The April 11 date is focused on arts and sciences and health sciences. Lastly, the May 17 tour will have a session with faculty from business and computer information systems.

Students who participate in a tour are welcome to stay for the faculty portion, but are not required.

To RSVP, visit www.lakemichigancollege.edu/visit. For questions or more information, text or call 927-8626 or email admissions@lakemichigancollege.edu.

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LEGISLATIVE ROLL CALL

Senate Resolution A, Senate Resolution A, Oppose Heartwell's NRC nomination by defeating Mitterling's: Passed 20 to 16 in the Senate

To disapprove the appointment by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer of Anna Mitterling to the Michigan Natural Resources Commission. Reportedly the real target of this action by the Senate Republican majority is Whitmer's nomination of current NRC member and former Grand Rapids mayor George Heartwell as chair of the commission, which has "exclusive authority to regulate the taking of game and sportfish," and designating which species may or may not be hunted. Heartwell's nomination is opposed by the National Rifle Association because of his role as a "state membership coordinator of antigun groups" organized by former New York City mayor and current Democratic presidential candidate Michael Bloomberg.

21 Sen. Kim LaSata	R – Bainbridge Township	Y
26 Sen. Aric Nesbitt	R – Lawton	Y

House Bill 5117, Facilitate wrongful imprisonment compensation: Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate

To exempt from state Court of Claims procedural restrictions and deadlines the claims that are made by former prisoners under a 2016 law that authorizes state payments to a person wrongfully imprisoned for a crime he or she did not commit. Reportedly these obstacles have prevented a number of former prisoners from getting the compensation the law entitles them to receive.

21 Sen. Kim LaSata	R – Bainbridge Township	Y
26 Sen. Aric Nesbitt	R – Lawton	Y

House Bill 4689, Allow school door barricades: Passed 36 to 0 in the Senate

To allow temporary door locking devices on interior doors in school buildings subject to standards and notification requirements specified in the bill. State regulators would be required to create rules for this, and schools would need approval from regulators. Reportedly some 300 Michigan school districts have installed such devices in response to recent school shootings in other states.

21 Sen. Kim LaSata	R – Bainbridge Township	Y
26 Sen. Aric Nesbitt	R – Lawton	Y

House Bill 5124, Revise delinquent property tax forgiveness options: Passed 36 to 0 in the Senate

To expand the authority and allowable options for a local government in reducing or forgiving delinquent property taxes on a property subject to foreclosure. The bill would authorize eight different options for reducing the amount of delinquent taxes that must be paid by lower income homeowners under certain circumstances.

21 Sen. Kim LaSata	R – Bainbridge Township	Y
26 Sen. Aric Nesbitt	R – Lawton	Y

House Bill 4128, Revise detail of procedure for minor's name-change: Passed 35 to 1 in the Senate

To permit a minor to legally change their name with the permission of just one parent if the other parent has been convicted of murder. Under current law permission from just one parent is allowed if the other fails to meet specified child support and contact standards, or has been convicted of sex or child abuse crimes.

21 Sen. Kim LaSata	R – Bainbridge Township	Y
26 Sen. Aric Nesbitt	R – Lawton	Y

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EXHIBIT

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showing Martin's barber shop, while portraits of the three men can be seen at the top of the piece.

Martin was a former slave who moved to Dowagiac in 1855 and opened a barber shop. He is believed to have been active in the Underground Railroad and quickly became a respected man in Dowagiac, as well as a leader of the African American community in Michigan.

Grady, a Dowagiac native and decorated Korean War veteran, joined the Dowagiac Police Department in 1955. After rising through the ranks, he became the first African American chief of police in Michigan in 1965. Chief Grady earned a reputation as a fair but firm police chief who inspired the local African American residents.

Fowlkes moved to Michigan from Tennessee in 1939 and eventually settled in Dowagiac, where he worked for Dowagiac Steel Furnace. He became active in the Civil Rights movement and local government, serving on local and county boards and commissions. In 1965, he became the first African American to serve on the Dowagiac City Council.

As a longtime Dowagiac resident, Collins said he knew Grady and Fowlkes before getting the commission to do the piece, but really wasn't aware of Martin or his place in local history.

"I'm a black artist and as a black man I've experienced some of the same things they did," he said.

He said each piece in this exhibit took him around six months to complete. He noted that the inspiration for his pieces come from a number of sources, from history and the Bible, to everyday scenes and interesting faces.

RESIGNED

From page B1

that she has submitted her letter of resignation, which will formally presented to the board at its Feb. 24 meeting.

Grabemeyer-Layman is resigning since she and her husband will soon be moving out of the SMC district soon. She and her husband, Joel, currently live in Pokagon Township with their three children. They own J.D. Layman Farms, Inc.

She has served on the board since 2015, when she was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Paul File. She was elected to a partial four-year term in 2016 that ends this November.

"It has been my privilege to serve as a trustee and to see the progress made at SMC in that time, including the renovation and expansion of the nursing building," Grabemeyer-Layman said. "I appreciate the board appointing me five years ago and the voters electing me the following fall."

Jerdon said the board will accept Dr. Grabemeyer-Layman's resignation with regret. "She has been a dedicated and thoughtful trustee for five years and has provided valuable input at all meetings and discussions," he said. "I know she will be missed by all trustees. With an incredible medical career and a growing family, she has served SMC with many other demands competing for her time."

Jerdon said the board must replace any trustee vacancy within a short period of time, according to state law. He said that whoever is appointed will have to stand for election in November.

He invited current residents of the SMC district who are interested in applying for the vacancy to send a letter to that effect addressed to his attention at Southwestern Michigan College, 58900 Cherry Grove Road, Dowagiac, MI, 49047.

Those wishing to respond via email should call 269-782-1271 for the address. Letters must be received no later than March 5, 2020 at 5 p.m. Jerdon anticipates a review of candidates and possible action on the vacancy at a special board meeting to be scheduled soon after that.

The seats currently held by Jerdon as well as Treasurer Becky Moore will also be on the ballot in November.

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Adine Roode, founder of the Hoedspruit Elephant Rehabilitation and Development center (HERD), plays with Khanysia, a five-month-old albino elephant in Hoedspruit, South Africa, on Tuesday.

Orphaned albino elephant recovers from poacher's snare

By JEROME DELAY
Associated Press

HOEDSPRUIT, South Africa — Khanysia did not see the trap set by a poacher in South Africa's Kruger National Park. She dove head first into the sharp wire snare, which cut her mouth, face and underneath her ear and chin.

It was days before the four-month-old albino elephant was found badly dehydrated but alive, and taken to the Hoedspruit Elephant Rehabilitation and Development center, three hours away.

One month later, Khanysia, named after the Tsonga word for light, weighs a healthy 330 pounds, is adding 1 pound every day and spends her time playing with caretakers.

"She is a little albino elephant, so it is a bit different than your normal elephant just in caring, especially when the sun is kind of severe," said Adine Roode, founder of the center, in the heart of Kapama game reserve. "Due to the animal human conflict, we are sitting with orphans. Because of the decreasing land and habitat, we will see an increase, in the future, of elephant orphans."

It is not known how Khanysia was separated from her mother and herd, said Roode.

For the past 22 years, the center has looked after orphaned elephants, and now has 17 pachyderms on site, she said. The young elephants are eventually released to the private game reserve, she said.

Khanysia is separated from the rest of the herd for the time being. At night she stays in a heated room and in the daytime she goes outside to a large enclosure with tall grass and a mud pool. Under 24-hour supervision, the blue-eyed, pink-skinned toddler seems to be in a nonstop play mood, craving attention and only stopping now and then to scratch her itchy scars on the wood pillars surrounding her pen.

After two hours of cavorting with Khanysia, causing the little elephant to trumpet repeatedly, Roode leaves her in the care of Liverson Sande, the center's senior carer.

Outside, the 17 other elephants line up for a walk. "It's so easy to get too attached," says Roode. "It is difficult to let go."

Al Diaz / Miami Herald via AP

A pack of peacocks mill about at an intersection in the Coconut Grove neighborhood of Miami in 2017.

After residents cry fowl: Miami to relocate pack of peacocks

MIAMI (AP) — A pack of peacocks that has wreaked havoc on a Miami neighborhood will be relocated after city commissioners voted Thursday night to side with residents and agreed to have the birds taken away.

It was a big win for many residents who have complained that the birds have taken control of a Coconut Grove neighborhood, mating into the night, pooping in large piles and scratching cars as they travel in packs of 20 to 40 or more, the Miami Herald reported.

Andrews Candela told commissioners before Thursday night's vote that he once felt lucky to live in North Grove, but the massive infestation of peacocks have ruined the quality of life for him and his wife.

"I don't want to remain forgotten in a filthy, dirty peacock land as hostage to a group of birds," Candela said. "I think that is more than unfair."

Commissioners unanimously agreed to amend the city's charter to allow for trapping and removal of excess peacocks. The proposal was introduced by Commissioner Ken Russell in October. It seeks to lessen the peacock population by using a humane management plan implemented by Rancho Palos Verdes, California.

The commission did not specify how many peacocks would be relocated to another location, or when it would happen.

Russell said the birds have caused tremendous property damage. He showed the crowd a photo of a city employee's Toyota Prius that had deep scratches on all sides. He said the peacocks see their reflection on the side of the car, mistake it for a rival and attack with their beaks.

"When it came to property damage that's when I knew we had to take some kind of action here to regulate," Russell said.

The plan in Rancho Palos Verdes has helped residents and birds coexist much better now that excess peacocks are trapped and relocated to refuges where they can squawk, scream and mate all night if they wish, the newspaper reported.

There are about 60 to 80 peacocks in an area of 190 homes in the Bay Heights area of the Grove, said Nancy Benovaich, president of the neighborhood association.

OBITUARIES

Margaret Evick

Sept. 13, 1924 – Feb. 12, 2020

Margaret Louise "Meg" Evick, age 95 years, mother, grandmother, volunteer and the ultimate executive secretary, died at 2:06 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020, with family gathered around at the home of her son in Lawrence, following an extended illness. Most of the facts and figures for this obituary, and some of the text were written in beautiful longhand by Meg 20 years ago.

She was born on Sept. 13, 1924, in La Porte, Ind., to Frank W. and Edna L. (Bauman) Curtis. She graduated from Niles High School, and attended Wheaton (Ill.) College and South Bend (Ind.) College of Commerce. She was first employed in the office of the former Michigan Mushroom Company in Niles, and then was employed for 22 years as an executive secretary in the offices of Niles Chemical Paint (now NCP Coatings). She had lived in Niles since 1929.

Meg was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Niles since 1943, and sang in various church choirs there. She was an associate member of the Niles Musical Club, a member of the Pioneer Historical Club and volunteered with the Pawating Auxiliary (now Spectrum Lakeland Pawating Auxiliary). As a young mother, she volunteered as a Den Mother for the Cub Scout Pack of her sons, had participated in Polly Whitwam's Girl Scout Troop and volunteered with the boys' Little League baseball teams.

She enjoyed traveling, including return trips to the Great Smoky Mountains, and an amazing tour of the West Coast of both the United States and Canada. "Meg enjoyed her family and friends. Sending cards was rather a hobby with her, which she enjoyed." More recently, she enjoyed the fellowship of new friends at the Autumn House in Paw Paw.

On October 21, 1944, in Niles, she married Melvin Carl Evick, with whom she celebrated the remarkable 51st anniversary of their wedding prior to his death on March 5, 2006.

Surviving family includes their sons, Bruce (and Nancy) Evick of Niles, David (and Cheryl) Evick of Lawrence and R. Michael Evick of Paw Paw; grandchildren, Kip L. Evick, Cody (and Mandy) Evick, Ryan Evick and Morgan Evick; and great-granddaughter, Sofia Evick.

The funeral service for Meg Evick will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, at the First Presbyterian Church, 13 S. Fourth St., Niles, with the Rev. Bob Bond of the church officiating, assisted by Minister of Music Sarai Saint Clair, who has a list of hymns requested by Meg. Committal will follow in Silverbrook Cemetery in Niles.

The family will receive relatives and friends from 5-7 p.m. Monday at the Halbritter-Wickens Funeral Home, 615 E. Main St., Niles. Contributions in memory of Meg may be made to the church's FPC Foundation, 13 S. Fourth St., Niles, MI 49120, http://www.firstpresofniles.org/ministry-teams. Online condolences may be left at: www.halbritterwickens.com.

Whether at home, in the corporate office, or volunteering, Meg clearly found satisfaction in organized plans, and loved to write, including thousands of greeting cards and personal letters. What made this important was to make life better for those around her, at work, at church and especially at home. A clipping found in her funeral prearrangements was "Wise Words" of Mark Twain: "Let us endeavor to live that when we come to die, even the undertaker will be sorry." Meg ... Mission Accomplished.

Barbara D. Vogel

Nov. 22, 1921 – Nov. 18, 2019

Barbara D. Vogel (nee Danielson) was born Nov. 22, 1921, in Ottawa, Ill. She passed away Nov. 18, 2019, in Downers Grove, Ill.

Barbara was the beloved wife of William L. Vogel; loving mother of Catherine V. Mikes; beloved daughter of Aden A. and Marion M. Danielson; proud grandmother of Daniel C. Mikes; dear sister of Florence Danielson Dunning, Marion Danielson Peace and Edward A. Danielson; and fond aunt of many nieces and nephews.

Barbara was a former resident and long-time teacher in Benton Harbor. She later retired in Woodridge, Ill.

Services were private.

Richard J. Schlienz

July 13, 1965 – Feb. 13, 2020

Richard J. Schlienz, 54, of Millburg died Thursday, Feb. 13, 2020, at his home.

Family services will be held at later date and cremation has taken place. Arrangements are by the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Township. Please share messages, memories or photos at www.florin.net.

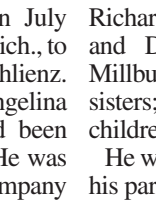
Richard was born on July 13, 1965, in Jackson, Mich., to Lawrence and Mary Schlienz. He married his wife, Angelina Lazzara, and they had been together for 34 years. He was employed at B & Z Company for the last 15 years, and before that, at the Red & White Feed Store in Millburg for 20 years. He loved to fish in Blue Creek and would also enjoy going up north for hunting. Richard was an energetic, caring and outgoing individual.

His family includes his wife, Angelina; his children, Pamala Hoffman of Benton Harbor, Richard Lazzara of Millburg and Danyelle Eschbach of Millburg; his 14 brothers and sisters; and his seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Michael Angelo

Nov. 22, 1929 – Feb. 13, 2020



Michael Angelo, 90, of Riverside passed away at Lakeland Medical Center in St. Joseph on Thursday, Feb. 13, 2020.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. Burial will follow in Hagar Lakeside Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. Friends wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Michael was born in Benton Harbor on Nov. 22, 1929, to Antonio and Theresa (Pica) Angelo. Mike was the owner of Angelo's Small Engine Repair in Watervliet Township. During his life, his family started the Fairplain Plaza, where he was one of the original partners, and he also owned Angelo's Party/Grocery Store in Coloma among others. His favorite pastime was working on his farm, sitting on his deck with his cat, watching NASCAR races and cheering on the Detroit Tigers. He had a gift of being able to fix anything, but he could never pound a nail in straight.

He is survived by three sons, Chuck (Kathy) Angelo of Benton Harbor, Tom Angelo of Benton Harbor and John (Kelly) Angelo of Benton Harbor; and a daughter, Theresa Immoos; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Violet Angelo; daughter-in-law, Dar Angelo; and son-in-law, Ron Immoos.

Death notices

Michael Angelo, 90, of Riverside died Feb. 13, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Shirley Wayne Brewer, 80, of Marcellus, formerly of Hartford and Dowagiac died Feb. 12, 2020, at Ascension Borgess Medical Center, Kalamazoo. Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

Frances Chilton, 71, of St. Joseph died Feb. 12, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Leola Pauline Domke, 86, of Sodus died Feb. 13, 2020, at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Margaret L. "Meg" Evick, 95, of Niles died Feb. 12, 2020, at her son's home in Lawrence. Halbritter Wickens Funeral Home, Niles, 683-3000.

Richard J. Schlienz, 54, of Millburg died Feb. 13, 2020, at home. Fairplain Chapel, Florin Funeral Service, Benton Harbor, 926-7222.

Jack W. Troyer, 82, of Watervliet died Feb. 14, 2020, at Royalton Manor Nursing Home, St. Joseph. Davidson Chapel of Florin Funeral Service, Coloma, 468-3181.

Barbara D. (Danielson) Vogel, 97, of Woodridge, Ill., formerly of Benton Harbor died Nov. 18, 2019, in Downers Grove, Ill. DuPage Cremations, West Chicago, Ill., (630) 293-5200.

Leanora Mildred Duck

Dec. 2, 1956 – Feb. 8, 2020

Leanora Mildred Duck, 63, of Hartford passed away suddenly on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020, at her home.

Leanora was born Dec. 2, 1956, in Benton Harbor, the daughter of Billy and Mary (Starback) Copeland, both of whom precede her in passing. Also preceding her in passing was a beloved dog, Caesar.

Leanora was formerly employed at the Panel Room in Hartford for over 15 years. In her spare time, she enjoyed gardening, taking care of, and dearly loving, her pets, and most importantly, spending time with her family, who will miss her dearly.

Leanora is survived by two daughters, Jennifer Duck and Lisa (Chris) Cannon, both of Hartford; a son, Shawn Duck of Paw Paw; grandchildren: Samantha Morris, Kaitlyn Miller, Christopher Gage, Skylar Cannon, Justin Duck and Sophia Duck; three great-grandchildren; her fiancee, Kerry Waughop of Eau Claire; a sister, JoAnn (Bill) Stanislawski of Bangor; two brothers, Jack Copeland of Watervliet and Bill Copeland of Arkansas; and her pet, Missy.

Leanora has been cremated, and public services will be held at a later date. The family has entrusted the Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, with arrangements. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.calvin-leonardfh.com.

Paul R. Wilcoxson Sr.

Sept. 13, 1941 – Feb. 11, 2020

Paul R. Wilcoxson Sr., 78, of Hartford went to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020, at Caretel Inns of Lakeland in St. Joseph.

Paul was born Sept. 13, 1941, in Jonesboro, Ark., to Woodrow and Vivian (Sidenstricker) Wilcoxson, the oldest of three children. He moved to St. Joseph with his family as a child. He worked in the grocery store business before working at Bosch Braking in Stevensville, where he retired from in 1996.

Paul was active in Hartford Bible Church in Hartford, teaching in Sunday School, teaching in AWANA, serving on the church board as a trustee, and working in the sound system. He also delivered Meals on Wheels for over 20 years, and was active in the Gideons International. In addition, he did volunteer taxes in Benton Harbor for AARP for many years.

Cremation has taken place, and a memorial service will be held at Hartford Bible Church, 65418 Red Arrow Hwy., Hartford, on Wednesday, Feb. 19. Visitation will be at 1 p.m., with the service at 2 p.m. Memorials may be made to The Gideons International or Hartford Bible Church. The family has entrusted Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, with arrangements. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.calvin-leonardfh.com.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister and a brother; along with a son, Paul Jr.

Paul is survived by his wife of 23 years, Ruth; sons, Martin Sr. (Diana) of Covert and John of Marshall; daughters, Penny (Bascom) Brown of Jackson and Liz McCrary of Paw Paw; several grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Shirley Wayne Brewer

Sept. 28, 1939 – Feb. 12, 2020

Shirley Wayne Brewer, 80, of Marcellus, formerly of Hartford and Dowagiac passed away Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020, at Ascension Borgess Medical Center, Kalamazoo.

Shirley was born Sept. 28, 1939, in Lake City, Ark., the son of Samuel and Mary Brewer. Also preceding him in passing were his wife, Barbara, on Apr. 27, 2016, and a son, Lloyd Brewer.

Shirley formerly owned and operated The Tire Spot in Hartford.

Shirley is survived by five children: Sharon Brewer, Teresa (Mark) Banic, Tony (Joanie) Brewer, Lafreda (Ted) Rzeszut and Jeff (Angela) Brewer. He is also survived by grandchildren: Marilyn Mead, Derek Banic, Josh Brewer, Anthony Brewer, Amy Banic, Heather Brewer, Melissa Rzeszut, Zachary Brewer, Kayla Brewer, Jeff Brewer and Andrew Brewer; and great-grandchildren: Landen Mead, Kayden Brewer, Daphne Brewer, Octavia Brewer, Liam Brewer, Lillian Brewer, Oliver Brewer and Reagan Brewer.

The family will welcome friends from 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, at the Keeler Church of God, where funeral services will commence at 2 p.m., with Pastor Boyd Saylor officiating. Following the service, a private burial with immediate family only will take place. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Shirley's name may be made to his family. The family has entrusted the Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, with arrangements. Those wishing to leave condolences for the family may do so at www.calvin-leonardfh.com.

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Work stress?

Get a plant, study says

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By KIERSTEN WILLIS
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

If work has you stressed out, there may be a simple solution to reducing it – by staring at a plant.

Researchers in Japan conducted a study of electric company workers and found there were changes in the stress felt pre- and post-plant-staring.

"At present, not so many people fully understand and utilize the benefit of stress recovery brought by plants in the workplace," lead author Dr. Masahiro Toyoda of the University of Hyogoin said a news release. "To ameliorate such situations, we decided it essential to verify and provide scientific evidence for the stress restorative effect by nearby plants in a real office setting."

The study was conducted in two phases. One was a control period sans plants and the other was an intervention period when the participants were able to view and look after a small plant.

Researchers measured psychological stress in participants through the State-Trait Anxiety Inventory, which is a commonly used measure of anxiety arising from adverse situations and personality.

There was a definitive ratio of participants who had a significantly lowered pulse rate after three-minute rest while interacting with their plant. The participants chose from six plants, including foliage plants, cactus and bonsai plants, to keep at their desks next to a PC monitor.

Researchers discovered that people who reported high anxiety levels before looking at a plant slightly lowered their scores after doing so, CNN reported. An additional 27 percent of employees had a significant drop in their resting heart rates.

The study, published by the American Society for Horticultural Science, confirmed the effect of gazing onto plants for a few moments and actively caring for it when an employee felt tired.

"It's something we inherently knew, but has suddenly been quantified. And so now, we're seeing the numbers behind the reasoning," Dr. Charles Hall told CNN.

Hall is the Ellison chair of international floriculture at Texas A&M University.

Still, looking at and taking care of plants didn't reduce anxiety in everyone. Some saw their pulse rate and anxiety increase while others witnessed no significant change.

"I think the anxiety among those in the study where their anxiety increased, it was because of that particular phenomenon that all of a sudden they're responsible for taking care of a plant and then all of a sudden the plant's not doing well and they have some anxieties from that," Hall said.

China's virus crackdown leaves millions working at home

By JOE MCDONALD
Associated Press

Maggie Zhang / AP

Maggie Zhang, Maggie Zhang uses a laptop computer at her parents' home in in the northwestern city of Zhangye in Gansu province on February 12. Zhang, founder of SheTalks, a company in Beijing that organizes events for women, is working out of her parents' apartment after she went back for the Lunar New Year and said she might stay through March.

BEIJING — In the middle of a phone call with a customer, an important visitor knocks on Michael Xiong's door: his 3-year-old son.

Xiong, a salesman in Chibi, a city near the center of a virus outbreak, is one of millions of people in China who are obeying government orders to work from home as part of the most sweeping anti-disease measures ever imposed.

After breakfast, Xiong leaves the 3-year-old and his 10-month-old brother with their grandparents. The salesman for IQAir, a Swiss maker of household air purifiers that are popular in China's smog-choked cities, goes into a bedroom to talk to customers and try to find new ones by phone and email.

His son "comes to knock on the door when I am in a meeting, asking for hugs," Xiong said. "I put myself on mute, open the door and tell him I will be with him later, and he is fine with that."

Most access to Wuhan, a city of 11 million people where Xiong usually works, was cut off Jan. 23 and some other cities have imposed travel restrictions. Controls imposed on business to try to stem the spread of infection extend nationwide, affecting tens of thousands of companies and hundreds of millions of employees.

The government extended the Lunar New Year holiday to keep factories and offices closed. Cinemas, temples and other tourist sites were shut down to prevent crowds from forming. Group tours were canceled and businesspeople told to put off travel.

China's vast manufacturing industries cannot function without workers in factories. But as some businesses reopen, Beijing has told anyone who still can work from home to stay there.

That is forcing employees, from solo entrepreneurs to automaker Volkswagen AG's 3,500-member headquarters staff in Beijing, to stay in touch with customers and business partners and keep companies functioning by phone and email.

Millions of Chinese entrepreneurs operate house-cleaning, small trading and other businesses out of their homes. Many have suffered the same impact as bigger businesses from restrictions on movement and orders to families to stay indoors.

Maggie Zhang, co-founder of SheTalks, a company in Beijing that organizes events for women, is working out of her parents' apartment in the northwestern city of Zhangye in Gansu province. She went for the Lunar New Year and said she might stay through March.

Zhang temporarily stopped organizing talks and other public events and is gathering material for her company's social media account to attract users.

In the morning, "I will do some interviews over the phone or online with women working at the front in fighting the epidemic and sometimes foreign businesswomen working in China," said Zhang. "When I am working, my parents always try to keep quiet and not disturb me."

Zhang said she uses the sunny living room to write and moves to a bedroom to do interviews or talk to colleagues. She works out on an elliptical machine during those calls "because my mind works faster when I exercise."

Numbers of new virus cases reported daily have declined, but economists warn against assuming the disease and its impact on the world's second-largest economy might soon be under control.

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The reality of running a small business: Prepare yourself

Starting a business isn't for the faint of heart.

Being your own boss offers rewards – and plenty of challenges as well.

Transitioning from working for someone else to running your own company brings changes that not only you need to navigate, but that your family and friends also need to adjust to.

"Realistic expectations are required by both the entrepreneur and close family. It must be a 'team sport,'" said SCORE mentor Steve Spencer.

As you prepare to start your business, keep these things in mind so you – and your loved ones – can more easily transition into the brave new world of entrepreneurship.

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Income might be unpredictable at first

Without a steady paycheck coming from an employer, you might find it challenging to keep up with expenses both professionally and personally.

When you're starting out, revenue from your business will take time to ramp up. It takes time to build a network of connections and clients.

You may need to forego some luxuries

Prepare to make some personal sacrifices when self-employed. A daily caramel latte and Friday dinners out at your favorite five-star restaurant probably won't be in the budget for a while.

Working from home requires discipline

If you decide to run your business from an office in your home, you'll face a whole new set of distractions that can threaten your productivity.

Tuning out the personal to-do list and spontaneous requests from friends to meet up for coffee during the workday demand concentration – and the strength to say "no."

Expect to work really hard

Starting a small business requires a significant amount of time and effort. Many new entrepreneurs find themselves working harder and for longer hours than when they worked for an employer.

Finding ways to maintain a comfortable work/life balance might be challenging in the beginning, but it's necessary for the well-being of you, your family, and your business.

"Realize that your new business will need a variety of help and advice. You will need to form relationships with professionals you may not have needed to collaborate with before," Spencer said. "To better your chances of success, consider creating a business development board comprised of legal, accounting, banking, and industry experts who will agree to provide pro bono guidance as you begin. Having a team to guide you can help you prepare yourself – and your family – for what to expect from running your own business."

SCORE mentors are often willing to serve on business development boards. Also consider talking with other entrepreneurs in your community who have walked the same path and can offer valuable insight and experience about the realities of entrepreneurship.

Call the local branch at 269-925-6100 or visit www.swmi.score.org to request SCORE help with your business.

NEW IN BUSINESS

Watervliet cannabis provisioning center nearly complete

WATERVLIET — Compassionate Care By Design's newest medical cannabis provisioning center, currently under construction in Watervliet, will begin serving area clients by the end of February.

The facility, located on the north side of exit 41 off I-94, has been under construction since November 2019.

Compassionate Care By Design has provided medical cannabis to the Watervliet area since the opening of its delivery-only service in November 2019.

The provisioning center's grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony will be held from 9-10 a.m. on Feb. 21. Area residents are welcome to attend.

For more information, visit ccbydesign.com or call 269-762-8038.

Holt Bosse kicks off 'Make A Mark' campaign

ST. JOSEPH — Holt Bosse, a St. Joseph marketing firm, announced the start of their third annual "Make a Mark" campaign.

The initiative will award up to $50,000 in free marketing services to one area nonprofit.

Applications are available at holtbosse.com/mark and are due by Feb. 28.

The donated services can be applied toward boosting the recipient's annual marketing budget, kick-starting a capital campaign or getting the word out about new programs, services and fundraising.

BUSINESS MEETINGS

Sustainable business forum on water levels

Michigan's Great Southwest Sustainable Business Forum will host a luncheon program examining how high-water levels may impact local business, sustainability and climate action on Thursday at Wightman in Benton Township.

High-water elevations are already affecting discharges from municipal wastewater treatment plants and industrial discharges, and could also affect sewer lines and stormwater best management practices.

There are now documented cases of national pollutant discharge elimination system permit violations caused by existing water levels.

The forum's featured speaker is Jerrod Sanders, assistant director for the Water Resources Division at the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy.

He will present on the current status of Great Lakes water levels, the reason why this is happening, and what EGLE is doing about it.

His talk will address issues outside of shoreline erosion that people should be concerned about, and the ongoing efforts to address those.

Lunch will cost $17 if paid online, or $20 at event.

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Number of 401(k) and IRA millionaires grows

Michelle Singletary

Some savers have done what seems impossible. They've managed to save $1 million or more in their workplace retirement accounts.

I've written before about this trend and will continue to do so to encourage those of you who think you can't save but could if you made it a priority.

The number of people with more than $1 million in their 401(k) hit a record 233,000 at the end of 2019, up from 133,800 for the same period a year earlier, according to Fidelity Investments, one of the country's largest administrators of workplace retirement accounts. The number of IRA millionaires increased to 208,000, also a record high.

There was also a record-setting jump in the number of million-dollar accounts in the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP), the federal government's version of a 401(k). As of Dec. 31, there were 49,620 TSP millionaires, a 131 percent increase over the 21,432 reported at the end of 2018, according to the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

Average 401(k), IRA and 403(b) balances increased to record levels as well. The average 401(k) balance rose to $112,300, up from $95,600 in 2018. The average IRA rose 17 percent to $115,400. The average 403(b) – which is typically used by teachers, health care workers and employees of nonprofit organizations – was up 18 percent to $93,100.

It turns out that many young adults, who are often unfairly stereotyped and criticized for their gourmet avocado-toast cravings and spendthrift ways, are saving for retirement.

Millennials, also known as Generation Y, contributed $373 million to IRAs in the fourth quarter, a 46 percent increase over the total amount contributed for the same period in 2018. The average balance for millennials was $32,700. Back in 2009, the average balance was just $7,300.

Millennials are overwhelmingly putting their money into Roth IRAs, according to Fidelity. A Roth account is funded with after-tax dollars, making future withdrawals tax-free. There are income limits for a Roth IRA, making it more likely that younger workers are eligible to contribute. There is also a hybrid Roth 401(k) increasingly being made available in employer plans. You still fund it with after-tax dollars, but you can contribute more than the current $6,000 annual limit for a traditional Roth IRA. The annual contribution limit for a Roth 401(k) is the same as for a 401(k), which in 2020 is $19,500.

For younger investors, a Roth account makes sense because they're likely to be in a relatively lower tax bracket and the tax-free growth with years of compounding can far outweigh the benefit of current-year tax deductions for contributions to a traditional 401(k).

I always find it helpful to see what others are doing, including employers. Here are some other fourth-quarter findings from the Fidelity report:

How much are people contributing to their retirement plan? The average employee savings rate reached a record 8.9 percent. Fidelity recommends that people save 15 percent of their income for retirement. But you can achieve this target with the help of a matching contribution from your employer. When factoring in the company match, the total average savings rate was 13.5 percent.

How much is your employer matching? The average employer match was 4.6 percent, yielding a total of $4,090 in 2019, according to Fidelity spokesman Michael Shamrell. "In terms of match formula, the most popular for our 401(k) clients is 100 percent match up to the first 3 percent of employee contributions, then 50 percent match for the next 2 percent of employee contributions," Shamrell said. Make sure you're not leaving money on the table, he advised.

Are people increasing their contribution percentage? If you want to become a 401(k) millionaire, do what they do – or get as close as you can to emulating their saving habits. Most of the millionaires put in the recommended 15 percent. Many may start out slow but eventually increase their contribution level year over year. During 2019, 33 percent of plan participants increased the amount they were saving, with the average increase just over 3 percent, Fidelity said.

How can employers help workers contribute more? Many companies (35 percent) are automatically enrolling new employees in workplace plans. And of the workers who bumped up their contributions, 60 percent had their rate automatically increased by their employers.

Under the new Secure Act, employers can automatically increase employee contributions up to 15 percent of their pay. Workers can of course opt out of the increases.

Fidelity's overview of retirement savings trends gives us a window into how others are investing for retirement. The data shows people pushing themselves. I have a question for you: Might *you* be able to up your game?

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Ask the Fool

Moving Averages

Q What's a moving average? — *F.D., Norman, Oklahoma*

A A moving, or "rolling," average is used to smooth out data, to help reveal long-term trends. Imagine a list of a location's temperatures on Feb. 14 over 25 years. Some unusually high or low numbers would make it hard to see a trend. Instead, a moving average would show you the average temperature over subsets of those years. For example, to get a three-year moving average, you'd first average the numbers for years one, two and three. Then you'd average years two, three and four, then years three, four and five — and so on, ending with years 23, 24 and 25. You'd end up measuring 23 three-year periods. While a graphed line of the original 25 numbers might have been very jagged, the 23 three-year averages would produce a smoother line.

Some investors try to guess where various stocks are headed by studying moving averages of their stock prices. However, it's better to focus on factors such as companies' financial health and growth prospects.

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Q I know that Facebook owns Instagram and WhatsApp. How can I know if one company is owned by another? — *R.B., Omaha, Nebraska*

A You can call it and ask — or visit its website and click on a link titled something like "About Us." Investigating on Google can also work.

Many familiar names are owned by other familiar names. For example, among many other holdings, Disney owns ESPN, ABC and Pixar. PepsiCo owns Frito-Lay, and the brands Gatorade and Quaker Oats. Unilever owns Ben & Jerry's, and the brands Axe and Dove. Google parent Alphabet also owns YouTube. Microsoft owns LinkedIn and Skype. And Berkshire Hathaway owns Dairy Queen, Fruit of the Loom, See's Candies, The Pampered Chef, GEICO and the BNSF railroad.

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Warning Signs for Mutual Funds

If you're invested in mutual funds, or are considering some, learn these red flags to watch out for:

• Underperformance: If the fund hasn't beaten its benchmark index (such as the S&P 500 for stock funds focused on large companies) for a few years, consider selling. A bad year or two can happen, but persistent lagging is worrisome.

• Steep fees: If the fund's fees are high or increasing, that's a red flag. Favor no-load funds, because it's often not worth surrendering a chunk of your investment at the outset.

• Growth in size: In general, the bigger a fund gets, the harder it will be for its managers to find great investments. A fund with $100 billion, for example, may have to spread its assets over so many holdings that most can't move the needle very much.

• A change in focus: You may have bought into a mutual fund because it focused on, say, mid-cap companies — but over the years it shed many mid-caps and bought into large-caps. Similarly, a fund that used to seek undervalued companies may have since loaded up on not-so-undervalued ones.

• A change in management: A managed mutual fund's performance is tied closely to its managers. They're the ones who study the universe of investments and decide which stocks, bonds or other securities are most promising for the fund. If a fund loses a manager who has delivered many years of strong performance, you might want to exit it as well, unless you have faith in the new manager.

• Lack of transparency: If fund managers' letters to shareholders are not informative and don't tackle issues of interest, or if they're not candid and don't inspire confidence, that's suboptimal. If the fund stops referring to its managers by name, or is absorbed by a bigger fund, be on guard.

You can research funds at **Morningstar.com**. Also, read "Common Sense on Mutual Funds" by John C. Bogle (Wiley, $35).

My Dumbest Investment

Too Much Listening to Others

My dumbest investment move of the last decade was listening to too many people. Doing so kept me from investing. This decade, no more! I'm going to spend a year paper trading, and then I'll go live. — *M.J., online*

The Fool Responds: Many people have sound financial advice to offer, but not everyone does. A lot of people, for example, recommend avoiding the stock market entirely, seeing it only as a place to gamble and lose money. Many people do gamble with stocks and lose their shirts, but that tends to happen when they don't know what they're doing: They chase high-flying, overvalued stocks, they load up on penny stocks of companies with no earnings or prospects, or they try day-trading, frantically jumping in and out of stocks every few days or even hours.

If, instead, you take time to learn about investing and set reasonable expectations, you can build wealth. You don't necessarily need to wait a year, either. And perhaps lose the idea of "trading," in the sense of buying and selling frequently. You might just park your long-term money in a low-fee S&P 500 index fund and keep adding to it over many years — that's all most of us need to do. Or find 10 to 20 individual companies to distribute your money across — businesses you understand, which feature increasing sales and earnings, rising profit margins, competitive advantages and attractive prices.

The Motley Fool Take

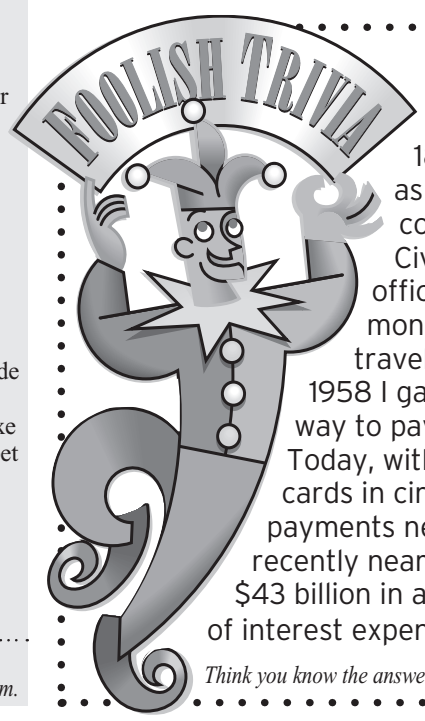
Microstrong

With Windows 10 running on more than 900 million devices, and a market value recently near $1.4 trillion, Microsoft (Nasdaq: MSFT) is huge. It's hard for huge companies to grow as briskly as smaller ones, but for the fiscal 2020 second quarter (which ended Dec. 31), Microsoft reported revenue of $36.9 billion, up 14% year-over-year, while its diluted earnings per share soared 40%.

Microsoft has the brand recognition, network-effect advantage, and resources to continue winning in the markets it serves. Its Office software, featuring Word and Excel, is still in high demand after all these years. Office commercial products, including Office 365 subscriptions, have been growing quickly.

Under CEO Satya Nadella, the company has spread its reach well beyond the PC to mobile devices and the cloud. Microsoft's Azure cloud computing service has tremendous momentum, with revenue surging 62% year-over-year in the last quarter.

Microsoft's ability to adapt to changing environments in technology, such as via its cloud-computing offerings, bodes well for its future, and investors should also like its high profit margin and growing dividend. Owning this stock seems like a no-brainer for the 21st century. (The Motley Fool owns shares of Microsoft and has recommended Microsoft shares and also the following options: long January 2021 $85 calls on Microsoft and short January 2021 $115 calls on Microsoft.)



Name That Company

I trace my roots back to 1850, when I was launched as a freight forwarding company. By the end of the Civil War, I boasted about 900 offices in 10 states. I debuted money orders in 1882 and travelers' checks in 1891, and in 1958 I gave my customers another way to pay for things – a charge card. Today, with more than 110 million cards in circulation, I'm a top global payments network, with a market value recently near $107 billion and more than $43 billion in annual revenue (net of interest expenses). Who am I?

Think you know the answer? We'll announce it in next week's edition.

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to 1997, when two guys decided to rent DVDs to people online. By 1999, I offered unlimited rentals by subscription. By 2002, I had 600,000 members, and I debuted on the stock market. (My shares then rose in value more than 300-fold to their high in 2018.) I launched streaming services in 2007, and began expanding globally a few years later. I'm now in more than 190 countries, serving more than 167 million members. I rake in about $20 billion annually and am the largest generator of internet traffic in many countries. Who am I? (Answer: Netflix)

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Liz Weston: How to navigate your most dangerous decade

By LIZ WESTON

Liz Weston

Losing a job is almost always traumatic. In your 50s, job loss can be devastating – and devastatingly common.

More than half the workers who entered their 50s with stable, full-time jobs were laid off or pushed out at least once by age 65, according to an analysis of employment data from 1990 to 2016 by the nonprofit newsroom ProPublica and the Urban Institute, a nonprofit think tank. Only 10 percent of those who lost a job ever found another that paid as much, and most never recovered financially.

Such concerns may seem remote in a booming economy, when the official unemployment rate is 3.5 percent overall and just 2.4 percent for those 55 and over. But recessions are inevitable, and even in good times older workers can be more vulnerable to involuntary job loss because of age discrimination.

These realities make it important to have a plan for navigating what could be your most dangerous decade.

Step up

It can be tempting after decades of work to think you can coast to retirement. But older workers who aren't proactively adding skills are more likely to be laid off, says Susan Weinstock, vice president, financial resilience programming at AARP.

"If the economy tanks, they'll be the first to go," Weinstock says. "Staying current in your field is really important."

Weinstock recommends that older people take advantage of any training opportunities their employers offer, volunteer for new assignments and become both "a mentor and mentee." A younger co-worker could help you stay up-to-date with the latest technologies used by your office, for example.

"This is a great way for you to learn from someone else and to build more relationships," Weinstock says.

And when it comes to relationships, more is better. Weinstock urges older workers to keep growing their networks, since most new jobs are found through someone you know.

Save more, save earlier

"Catch up" provisions were created to help workers supercharge their savings in the years before retirement. In 2020, for example, employees 50 and older can contribute up to $26,000 to workplace retirement plans such as 401(k)s, compared with the limit of $19,500 for younger workers. If you can take advantage of these provisions, great, but it's risky to put off saving for retirement expecting to make up for it later. A better plan is to start saving as soon as possible and to increase your savings rate whenever you can.

You also probably need to beef up that emergency fund. The average length of unemployment for people 45 to 54 is a little over five months, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. For people 55 to 64, it's just shy of six months. In a recession, those durations likely will grow.

Borrow less

Many people find their ability to save is hampered by the amount of debt they have. Federal Reserve statistics show that households headed by people 45 to 54 years old owed more than twice as much in 2016 as similar households in 1989.

Limiting how much you owe as you age can give you more financial flexibility. If you're refinancing a mortgage, for example, consider choosing a loan term that allows you to be debt free by retirement, if not before. Be cautious about borrowing money for education, either for yourself or a child, since the loans typically can't be discharged in bankruptcy and could be tough to pay back if you lose your job.

Wean the kids

Many parents provide their adult children with some financial support, and it's typically for household expenses rather than emergencies. But ongoing handouts could jeopardize your financial health and theirs. Setting clear financial boundaries can help you wean them off the family dole.

React fast

You may find another job quickly if you lose your current one, but it's best to act as if you won't by cutting nonessential spending, asking lenders about possible forbearance or hardship programs and staying in touch with your network.

"If you see this coming, start looking immediately," Weinstock says. "And actually I would say, always keep your eye out. There's no reason not to, because you never know what could happen."

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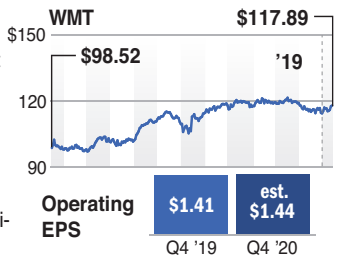
Money&Markets Extra

The Week Ahead

Strong finish?

Wall Street expects that Walmart closed out its last fiscal year on a high note.

Analysts predict the nation's largest retailer's fiscal fourth-quarter earnings and revenue increased from a year earlier. Walmart has benefited from strong sales, particularly in its grocery business, which the company has expanded by rolling out an online delivery service.



Price-earnings ratio: **24**
based on past 12-month results

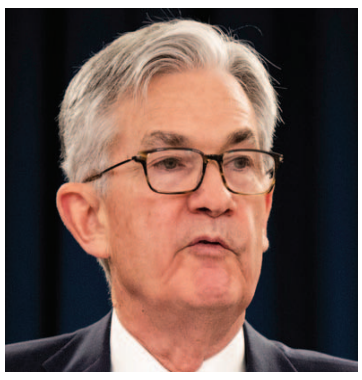
Dividend: **$2.12** Div. yield: **1.8%**

Source: FactSet

Close-up on the Fed

The Federal Reserve issues the minutes of its last monetary policymaking meeting Wednesday.

At the meeting, Fed officials elected to keep the central bank's key short-term interest rate unchanged at a low level. The Fed noted that the economy looked solid, but also faced global threats, including the new virus outbreak from China.

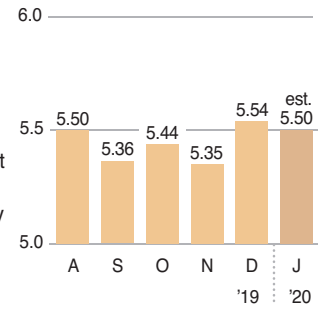


Eye on housing

A solid job market and low mortgage rates helped drive U.S. home sales higher last fall.

However, the inventory of homes for sale is not keeping up with demand. That's one reason economists expect that sales of previously occupied U.S. homes slowed in January from the previous month. The National Association of Realtors issues its latest monthly home sales tally Friday.

Existing home sales
seasonally adjusted in millions



Source: FactSet

Amer Elec Power AEP
$103.76 **+2.42 +2.4%**
▲ **4-wk.** +5.3% ▲ **YTD** +9.8%

Ford Motor F
$8.10 **-.01 -.1%**
▼ **4-wk.** -11.6% ▼ **YTD** -12.9%

Whirlpool WHR
$152.16 **+2.95 +2.0%**
▼ **4-wk.** -.3% ▲ **YTD** +3.1%

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STOCK	TICKER	52-WK LOW	52-WK HIGH	FRIDAY CLOSE	$CHG 1WK	%CHG 1WK	1MO	1QTR	%CHG YTD	%RTN 1YR	PE	YLD
AT&T Inc	T	29.67	39.70	**38.25**	**-0.20**	-0.5	▼	▼	-2.1	34.5	17	5.4
Amer Elec Power	AEP	79.13	104.97	**103.76**	**2.42**	2.4	▲	▲	9.8	30.2	27	2.7
Apple Inc	AAPL	169.25	327.85	**324.95**	**4.92**	1.5	▲	▲	10.7	93.3	30	0.9
AutoZone Inc	AZO	886.95	1274.41	**1053.21**	**-5.70**	-0.5	▼	▼	-11.6	19.4	19	...
BP PLC	BP	35.07	45.38	**36.00**	**0.26**	0.7	▼	▼	-4.6	-6.6	10	6.8
CMS Engy	CMS	52.41	68.98	**68.51**	**1.37**	2.0	▲	▲	9.0	30.6	42	2.4
CocaCola Co	KO	44.42	59.84	**59.95**	**0.76**	1.3	▲	▲	8.3	22.9	37	2.7
Comcast Corp A	CMCSA	36.75	47.74	**46.09**	**1.35**	3.0	▼	▲	2.5	25.8	22	2.0
Deere Co	DE	132.68	180.48	**168.07**	**0.62**	0.4	▼	▼	-3.0	5.9	16	1.8
Disney	DIS	107.32	153.41	**139.54**	**-1.48**	-1.0	▼	▼	-3.5	31.5	19	1.3
Dollar Tree Stores	DLTR	85.37	119.71	**88.68**	**1.54**	1.8	▼	▼	-5.7	-8.7	12	...
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	59.62	83.49	**60.65**	**0.05**	0.1	▼	▼	-13.1	-14.1	14	5.7
Fifth Third Bcp	FITB	24.17	31.64	**29.60**	**0.11**	0.4	▲	▼	-3.7	13.0	11	3.2
1st Source Corp	SRCE	41.88	53.42	**47.76**	**0.10**	0.2	▼	▼	-7.9	5.5	14	2.4
Ford Motor	F	8.02	10.56	**8.10**	**-0.01**	-0.1	▼	▼	-12.9	4.5	6	7.4
Gen Electric	GE	7.65	13.26	**12.83**	**0.00**	0.0	▲	▲	15.0	37.6	...	0.3
Home Depot	HD	179.52	243.60	**245.03**	**7.73**	3.3	▲	▲	12.2	33.2	25	2.2
Horizon Bcp IN	HBNC	15.21	19.48	**17.07**	**-0.21**	-1.2	▼	▼	-9.6	4.6	8	2.8
Huntgtn Bancshs	HBAN	12.15	15.63	**14.08**	**0.12**	0.9	▼	▼	-6.6	5.6	13	4.3
IDEX Corp	IEX	141.47	178.14	**174.79**	**3.44**	2.0	▼	▲	1.6	25.1	38	1.1
IBM	IBM	126.85	158.75	**150.70**	**-2.71**	-1.8	▲	▲	12.4	18.9	16	4.3
JPMorgan Chase	JPM	98.09	141.10	**137.46**	**0.29**	0.2	▼	▲	-1.4	37.8	14	2.3
Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	126.10	154.50	**150.13**	**-1.76**	-1.2	▲	▲	2.9	15.4	25	2.5
Lowes Cos	LOW	91.60	125.27	**125.42**	**3.94**	3.2	▲	▲	4.7	27.8	28	1.8
McDonalds Corp	MCD	178.27	221.93	**217.09**	**5.48**	2.6	▲	▲	9.9	27.7	33	2.3
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	104.97	190.70	**185.35**	**1.46**	0.8	▲	▲	17.5	74.6	37	1.1
Miller Herman	MLHR	33.94	49.88	**40.41**	**-0.22**	-0.5	▼	▼	-3.0	18.6	17	2.1
Penney JC Co Inc	JCP	0.53	1.92	**.71**	**0.02**	2.6	▼	▼	-36.5	-43.4	...	...
Perrigo Co plc	PRGO	40.68	60.98	**57.71**	**-2.20**	-3.7	▼	▲	11.7	25.1	28	1.5
Pfizer Inc	PFE	33.97	44.56	**36.51**	**-1.54**	-4.0	▼	▼	-6.8	-6.4	15	4.2
Procter & Gamble	PG	97.75	128.09	**126.14**	**0.06**	0.0	▼	▲	1.0	27.4	29	2.4
Republic Svcs	RSG	76.13	99.35	**100.43**	**3.29**	3.4	▲	▲	12.0	29.0	46	1.6
Steelcase Inc	SCS	14.45	23.02	**19.04**	**-0.06**	-0.3	▼	▲	-6.9	17.9	16	3.0
Stryker Corp	SYK	174.84	223.45	**221.54**	**6.73**	3.1	▲	▲	5.5	17.5	38	1.0
TCF Financial Corp	TCF	35.96	47.71	**43.33**	**0.71**	1.7	▼	▲	-7.4	-0.8	12	3.2
Target Corp	TGT	70.03	130.24	**116.63**	**1.02**	0.9	▼	▲	-9.0	71.4	19	2.3
Tractor Supply	TSCO	88.02	114.25	**98.17**	**1.62**	1.7	▲	▼	5.1	4.5	26	1.4
UPS class B	UPS	92.65	125.31	**105.95**	**2.83**	2.7	▼	▼	-9.5	-1.2	18	3.8
Verizon Comm	VZ	54.26	62.22	**58.51**	**-1.43**	-2.4	▼	▼	-4.7	11.5	15	4.2
WEC Energy Group	WEC	74.14	101.37	**101.87**	**2.75**	2.8	▲	▲	10.5	37.4	32	2.5
WalMart Strs	WMT	96.53	125.38	**117.89**	**1.44**	1.2	▲	▼	-0.8	21.7	68	1.8
Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	49.03	74.95	**52.85**	**-0.39**	-0.7	▼	▼	-10.4	-21.4	10	3.5
Wendys Co	WEN	16.25	22.96	**22.91**	**0.97**	4.4	▲	▲	3.2	31.6	25	2.1
Whirlpool	WHR	114.00	163.64	**152.16**	**2.95**	2.0	▼	▲	3.1	15.3	...	3.2
Worthington Inds	WOR	33.18	44.69	**37.77**	**-0.53**	-1.4	▼	▲	-10.5	4.6	15	2.5
XPO Logistics Inc	XPO	45.73	96.26	**95.20**	**1.99**	2.1	▲	▲	19.4	61.5	37	...

Notes on data: Price-earnings ratio unavailable for closed-end funds and companies with net losses over prior four quarters.

StoryStocks

Wall Street closed out a wobbly day of trading Friday with the major stock indexes notching their second straight weekly gain. Gains in the technology, real estate and utilities sectors outweighed losses in energy and industrial stocks, as well as consumer-centric companies. Trading was mostly cautious following China's report Thursday of a surge in cases of a new virus that raised fresh concerns about global economic growth.

Yelp YELP

Close: **$35.23 ▼-1.27 or -3.5%**
The online business reviews company reported disappointing fourth-quarter profit and revenue.

$30.12 $40.99

Vol.: **5.2m (7.5x avg.)** PE: **64.1**
Mkt. Cap: **$2.5 b** Yield: **...**

GoDaddy GDDY

Close: **$78.39 ▲7.52 or 10.6%**
The cloud-based technology products developer's fourth-quarter profit and revenue beat Wall Street forecasts.

$59.93 $82.30

Vol.: **4.9m (3.9x avg.)** PE: **103.4**
Mkt. Cap: **$13.4 b** Yield: **...**

Nvidia NVDA

Close: **$289.79 ▲19.01 or 7.0%**
The chipmaker reported strong data center sales and handily beat analysts' fourth-quarter profit forecast.

$132.60 $294.97

Vol.: **26.0m (3.3x avg.)** PE: **64.1**
Mkt. Cap: **$177.4 b** Yield: **0.2%**

eBay EBAY

Close: **$38.14 ▲0.95 or 2.6%**
The e-commerce company raised its profit forecast for the year and added $3 billion to its stock buyback plan for 2020.

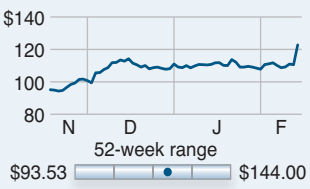
$33.53 $42.00

Vol.: **11.0m (1.1x avg.)** PE: **18.3**
Mkt. Cap: **$30.4 b** Yield: **1.7%**

SOURCE: FIS

Expedia EXPE

Close: **$122.80 ▲12.21 or 11.0%**
The online travel company reported surprisingly good fourth-quarter profit and said it plans to cut costs.



$93.53 $144.00

Vol.: **10.4m (3.8x avg.)** PE: **32.8**
Mkt. Cap: **$17.1 b** Yield: **1.1%**

DexCom DXCM

Close: **$283.91 ▲31.70 or 12.6%**
The medical device maker blew away Wall Street's fourth-quarter profit forecasts.

$107.44 $295.00

Vol.: **3.3m (4.0x avg.)** PE: **262.7**
Mkt. Cap: **$26.0 b** Yield: **...**

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CompanySpotlight Expedia back on course

Expedia surged 11% after reporting solid fourth-quarter earnings and telling investors it will lower costs.

Expedia and other online travel companies have been under pressure because of a new virus in China that has curtailed global travel. Expedia did not give a specific financial forecast for the year, but did say it expects "double digit" growth for one measure of earnings that excludes some costs.

The company said it is aiming to cut between $300 million and $500 million in costs as part of an effort to simplify the business.

In December, the company's CEO and chief financial officer quit after clashing with the board over strategy. Chairman Barry Diller and Vice Chairman Peter Kern have been managing the company's day-to-day operations.

"The actions we're taking to simplify our business and drive cost efficiency will position Expedia Group for improved revenue growth and margin expansion for years to come," Diller and Kern said in a statement.

Expedia (EXPE) Friday's close: **$122.80, +12.21**

52-WEEK RANGE $94 $144

Price-earnings ratio: **33** (Based on past 12-month results)

Total return	1-yr	3-yrs*	5-yrs*
EXPE	-2.0%	1.9	7.5

Div. yield: 1.1% **Dividend:** $1.36

AP *annualized Source: FactSet

MutualFunds

FUND	NAV	WK CHG	12-MO %RTN
AB			
DiversMunicipal	14.74	+.01	+5.8
GlbBdAdv	8.63	+.01	+7.7
LgCpGrAdv	67.36	+1.47	+27.7
AMG			
Yacktmanl	20.81	+.17	+13.3
Akre			
FocInstl d	50.04	+1.67	+32.7
FocRetail m	48.77	+1.63	+32.3
American Century			
EqIncI	9.25	+.07	+17.5
EqIncInv	9.24	+.07	+17.3
GrInv	39.36	+.90	+30.7
UltraInv	57.45	+1.45	+31.5
American Funds			
AMCpA m	35.30	+.71	+20.8
AmrcnBalA m	29.35	+.31	+16.2
AmrcnHiIncA m	10.14	+.05	+7.6
AmrcnMutA m	44.48	+.40	+17.3
BdfAmrcA m	13.29	...	+8.7
CptWldGrIncA m	53.29	+.60	+18.1
CptlIncBldrA m	64.06	+.45	+13.5
CptlWldBdA m	20.39	+.01	+7.1
EuroPacGrA m	55.84	+.45	+17.4
FdmtlInvsA m	64.50	+1.08	+21.2
GlbBalA m	34.80	+.28	+13.1
GrfAmrcA m	54.85	+1.20	+24.2
HiIncMuniBdA m	16.68	+.02	+9.9
IncAmrcA m	23.55	+.16	+14.7
IntlGrIncA m	35.92	+.20	+17.3
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InvCAmrcA m	40.82	+.43	+19.9
NewWldA m	71.63	+1.06	+18.7
NwPrspctvA m	49.80	+.85	+25.0
SmCpWldA m	61.14	+1.65	+21.9
TheNewEcoA m	48.59	+1.11	+20.6
TxExBdA m	13.51	+.01	+7.9
WAMtInvsA m	49.59	+.69	+20.0
Angel Oak			
MltStratIncIns	11.07	...	+5.3
Artisan			
IntlInstl	34.30	+.13	+25.9
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Baird			
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CorPlusBdInstl	11.77	+.01	+10.5
IntermBdInstl	11.41	+.01	+7.6
ShrtTrmBdInstl	9.81	...	+4.5
Baron			
EmMktsInstl	15.03	+.23	+11.4
GrInstl	94.86	+3.95	+34.7
BlackRock			
EqDivInstl	21.01	+.10	+18.7
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GlbAllcInclnvA m	19.73	+.18	+14.3
HYBdInstl	7.81	+.04	+10.8
HYBdK	7.82	+.04	+10.9
LowDurBdInstl	9.67	...	+4.5
NtnlMnInstl	11.30	+.02	+8.4
StrIncOpIns	10.09	+.04	+7.8
StratMuOpIns	11.91	+.01	+7.1
TtlRetInstl	12.13	+.01	+10.1
Calamos			
MktNetrlIncIns	13.44	+.03	+5.3
Causeway			
IntlValInstl	15.29	-.01	+9.1
ClearBridge			
AggresivGrA m	182.03	+2.20	+16.7
ApprecA m	27.20	+.28	+24.7
LgCpGrI	58.40	+1.42	+26.1
Cohen & Steers			
PrfrdScInc,Incl	14.63	+.07	+15.9
RlEsttSecInclns	19.00	+.84	+25.9
Columbia			
DivIncIns	25.20	+.25	+22.1
SlgCmsInfoA m	85.71	+2.44	+39.0
DFA			
EMktCorEql	21.38	+.34	+6.6
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EmMktsInstl	28.71	+.45	+7.1
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FvYrGlbFIIns	10.78	...	+3.6
GlbAllc6040Ins	19.17	+.16	+12.3
GlbEqInstl	25.24	+.36	+16.5
GlbRlEsttSec	12.42	+.42	+20.3
InflProtSecIns	12.28	+.01	+9.0
IntlCorEqIns	13.61	+.08	+11.5
IntlRlEsttScIns	5.06	+.10	+17.1
IntlSmCoInstl	18.53	+.16	+13.2
IntlSmCpValIns	18.62	+.14	+8.9
IntlValInstl	17.13	+.05	+5.0
ItmGovtFIIns	13.08	...	+9.1
LgCpIntlInstl	23.55	+.09	+13.0
OneYearFIInstl	10.31	...	+2.3
RlEsttSecInstl	44.00	+1.80	+22.1
ShTrmExQtyI	10.86	...	+4.2
TAUSCorEq2Instl	20.70	+.33	+19.1
TMdUSEq	36.32	+.60	+24.0
TMdUSMktwdVl	32.37	+.42	+14.2
TMdUSTrgtedVal	34.59	+.44	+4.4
TwYrGlbFIIns	9.94	+.01	+2.8
USCorEq1Instl	26.71	+.42	+20.4
USCorEqIIInstl	24.27	+.38	+18.7
USLgCo	25.98	+.42	+25.4
USLgCpValInstl	38.57	+.43	+13.6
USMicroCpInstl	21.16	+.25	+3.8
USSmCpInstl	34.88	+.59	+6.4
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USTrgtedValIns	22.45	+.27	+2.6
USVectorEqInstl	19.55	+.28	+11.5
Davis			
NYVentureA m	30.75	+.43	+22.3
Delaware Inv			
ValInstl	22.44	+.02	+10.7
Dodge & Cox			
Bal	103.42	+.99	+13.9
GlbStk	12.81	+.19	+15.2
Inc	14.28	+.03	+9.8
IntlStk	42.94	+.29	+12.4
Stk	197.33	+2.61	+15.7
DoubleLine			
CorFII	11.24	+.01	+8.5
LowDurBdI	10.05	...	+4.3
TtlRetBdI	10.78	+.01	+7.0
TtlRetBdN b	10.77	...	+6.7
Eaton Vance			
AtlntCptSMIDCI	38.36	+.90	+22.2
FltngRtInstl	8.85	+.01	+4.8
Edgewood			
GrInstl	41.84	+1.52	+31.4
FPA			
Crescent d	34.62	+.23	+13.0
NewInc	10.00	...	+3.9
Federated			
InsHYBdIns	9.94	+.03	+9.7
KaufmannR m	6.45	+.17	+26.5
StratValDivIns	5.73	+.03	+13.1
TtlRetBdInstl	11.22	...	+9.6
Fidelity			
500IdxInsPrm	117.48	+1.91	+25.6
AsstMgr20%	13.88	+.07	+9.8
AsstMgr50%	19.15	+.18	+15.0
AsstMgr70%	23.42	+.28	+17.7
BCGrowth	118.82	+3.29	+32.0
BCGrowth	16.57	+.45	+31.8
BCGrowthK	119.10	+3.30	+32.1
Balanced	25.73	+.36	+20.5
BalancedK	25.73	+.35	+20.6
Cap&Inc	10.39	+.11	+11.9
CmdtyStrat	4.45	+.05	-3.9
Contrafund	14.72	+.32	+26.7
ContrafundK	14.74	+.33	+26.9
CptlApprec	36.46	+.92	+28.0
DivGro	31.04	+.37	+17.6
DiversIntl	41.41	+.31	+24.1
DiversIntlK	41.32	+.31	+24.2
EmergMktsOpps	20.75	+.42	+19.3
EqDividendInc	25.79	+.28	+17.3
EqIncome	61.59	+.72	+19.9
ExMktIdxInPr	67.99	+1.63	+16.2
Fidelity	54.84	+1.25	+32.2
FltngRtHiInc	9.46	...	+5.3
FourinOneIdx	50.53	+.57	+19.1
Frdm 2015	13.08	+.09	+12.7
Frdm 2020	16.48	+.13	+13.7
Frdm 2025	14.56	+.12	+14.5
Frdm 2030	18.15	+.19	+15.9
Frdm 2035	15.38	+.19	+17.2
Frdm 2040	10.79	+.14	+17.6
Frdm 2045	12.26	+.15	+17.6
GNMA	11.59	+.01	+5.6
GlbexUSIdxInsPr	13.36	+.09	+13.0
GlobalexUSIdx	13.14	+.09	+12.9
GroCo	23.64	+.79	+35.3
GroCo	19.70	+.66	+36.8
GroCoK	23.68	+.79	+35.4
Growth&Inc	42.87	+.41	+19.7
HighIncome	8.95	+.03	+8.7
IntlDiscv	45.87	+.32	+20.4
IntlGr	18.10	+.22	+29.2
IntlIdxInstlPrm	42.86	+.08	+14.2
IntlVal	9.82	+.02	+12.3
IntrmMuniInc	10.76	...	+7.0
InvmGradeBd	8.31	-.01	+9.9
InvmGradeBd	11.76	...	+10.3
LowPrStk	49.48	+.59	+13.8
LowPrStkK	49.43	+.60	+13.9
Magellan	11.09	+.29	+29.5
MichiganMuniInc	12.63	+.01	+7.8
MidCapStock	36.73	+.84	+16.2
NasdCmpIdx	122.19	+2.67	+32.2
NewMktsInc	15.32	+.01	+7.1
OTCPortfolio	13.93	+.32	+36.2
OTCPortfolioK	14.16	+.32	+36.2
Overseas	52.55	+.21	+21.0
Puritan	23.89	+.40	+19.3
PuritanK	23.87	+.40	+19.4
RealEstInv	47.81	+1.68	+17.8
ShTrmBd	8.73	...	+4.2
SmCpOpps	14.31	+.23	+16.3
StkSelorAllCp	50.31	+.92	+24.1
TaxFreeBond	12.11	+.01	+9.5
TotalBond	11.08	+.01	+9.8
TtlMktIdxInsPrm	94.93	+1.66	+23.9
USBdIdxInsPrm	12.11	...	+9.5
Value	11.10	+.28	+14.6
Fidelity Advisor			
NewInsA m	33.85	+.69	+23.2
NewInsI	34.73	+.70	+23.5
StgInc	12.61	+.04	+8.8
StgInc	12.62	+.05	+8.8
TotalBondI	11.06	...	+9.8
Fidelity Select			
Biotechnology	22.79	+.27	+23.4
HealthCare	29.64	+.49	+22.6
ITServices	83.86	+2.62	+35.5
MedTech&Devcs	63.26	+2.15	+23.0
Semicon	13.17	+.58	+45.2
Swre&ITSvcs	22.37	+.46	+39.7
Technology	22.34	+.62	+51.3
First Eagle			
GlbA m	57.57	+.32	+10.5
Franklin Templeton			
CATxFrIncA1 m	7.79	+.01	+10.6
DynaTechA m	99.11	+3.58	+32.5
FdrTFIncA1 m	12.16	+.01	+7.9
GlbBdA m	10.65	+.04	-2.8
GlbBdAdv	10.60	+.04	-2.6
GlbBdR6	10.60	+.04	-2.5
Gr,IncA m	22.38	-.01	+4.3
GrA m	119.86	+2.09	+26.4
IncA1 m	2.34	+.01	+9.1
IncAdv	2.32	+.01	+9.3
IncC m	2.37	+.01	+8.4
MutGlbDiscvA m	30.33	+.15	+13.1
MutGlbDiscvZ	31.02	+.16	+13.4
MutZ	27.57	-.02	+12.6
RisingDivsA m	72.60	+1.44	+23.5
UtlsA1 m	23.87	+.55	+28.6
GE			
RSPUSEq	60.54	+1.15	+27.3
Harbor			
CptlApprecInstl	84.40	+2.27	+31.8
Harding Loevner			
EmMktsAdv d	59.12	+.89	+13.3
IntlEqInstl d	24.05	+.16	+17.0
Hartford			
CptlApprecA m	39.40	+.82	+23.5
MidCpI	33.15	+.87	+20.1
INVESCO			
ComStkA m	24.79	+.07	+12.6
CptlAprcA m	59.49	+1.30	+29.1
DevMktsA m	45.82	+.65	+13.7
DevMktsY	45.11	+.63	+13.9
DiversDivA m	20.80	+.16	+16.2
EqandIncA m	10.36	+.05	+11.6
GlbA m	98.68	+1.24	+20.8
HYMnA m	8.11	+.01	+15.3
HYMuniA m	10.49	+.01	+11.2
IntlGrY	45.14	+.46	+21.5
MnStrA m	50.39	+.82	+24.3
MnsA m	17.12	+.01	+13.4
Ivy			
SciAndTechA m	76.11	+.97	+37.9
JPMorgan			
CPBondR6	8.61	+.01	+9.6
CoreBondI	12.06	+.01	+9.6
CoreBondR6	12.07	+.01	+9.8
EqIncI	19.80	+.20	+19.6
HighYieldR6	7.33	+.05	+9.0
LCapGrI	45.26	+1.48	+36.1
MCapValL	40.18	+.78	+13.8
Janus Henderson			
BalancedT	38.35	+.43	+20.6
EnterpriseT	147.40	+3.66	+23.4
John Hancock			
BdI	16.38	+.01	+10.6
BdR6	16.41	+.01	+10.7
DiscpValI	20.69	+.21	+12.1
DiscpValMCI	22.67	+.37	+17.0
DiscpValR6	20.72	+.21	+12.2
IntlGrI	30.51	+.16	+21.1
MltMgLsBlA b	14.41	+.14	+13.9
MltmgrLsGr1 b	14.65	+.18	+15.4
Lazard			
EMEqInstl	17.99	+.23	+5.4
GlbLtdInfrsIns	16.65	+.08	+20.8
IntlStratEqIns	15.50	+.05	+14.1
Loomis Sayles			
BdInstl	13.88	+.04	+8.7
GrY	19.52	+.36	+27.0
Lord Abbett			
AffiliatedA m	15.90	+.17	+15.7
BdDebA m	8.26	+.04	+10.9
BdDebF b	8.25	+.04	+11.0
FltngRtF b	8.81	+.01	+5.1
ShrtDurIncA m	4.22	-.01	+4.8
ShrtDurIncC m	4.25	...	+4.4
ShrtDurIncF b	4.22	...	+4.9
ShrtDurInel	4.22	...	+5.3
MFS			
GrA m	130.64	+3.21	+34.8
Grl	139.71	+3.45	+35.1
InstlIntlEq	28.06	+.08	+20.3
MAInvsGrStkA m	34.67	+.58	+32.2
MAInvsTrustA m	34.13	+.52	+24.3
TtlRetA m	20.39	+.15	+15.6
ValA m	45.47	+.56	+21.4
Vall	45.75	+.57	+21.7
Mairs & Power			
GrInv	130.99	+2.11	+20.8
MassMutual			
SelectMdCpGrl	24.72	+.56	+21.0
Metropolitan West			
TtlRetBdI	11.11	-.01	+9.7
TtlRetBdM b	11.11	-.01	+9.5
TtlRetBdPlan	10.45	-.01	+9.8
Neuberger Berman			
GenesisR6	60.86	+1.40	+20.5
Northern			
IntlEqIdx d	12.69	+.03	+14.0
StkIdx	38.87	+.63	+25.4
Nuveen			
HYMuniBdA m	18.43	+.05	+13.4
HYMuniBdI	18.43	+.05	+13.7
IntermDrMnBdI	9.63	...	+7.8
LtdTrmMnBdI	11.29	...	+5.2
Oakmark			
EqAndIncInv	29.48	+.26	+10.5
IntlInv	24.15	+.23	+12.5
Inv	81.50	+1.00	+15.3
Old Westbury			
GlbSmMdCpStrat	15.78	+.27	+13.8
LgCpStrats	15.58	+.19	+19.2
Osterweis			
StrInc	10.94	+.02	+3.3
PGIM Investments			
HighYieldZ	5.59	+.02	+11.2
TtlRetBdA m	14.76	...	+11.5
TtlRetBdZ	14.71	+.01	+11.8
PIMCO			
AlAstInstl	11.83	+.06	+7.4
HYInstl	9.07	+.04	+10.0
IBdUSDHI	10.86	+.02	+7.4
IncA m	12.11	+.01	+7.2
IncC m	12.11	+.01	+6.4
Incl2	12.11	+.01	+7.5
IncInstl	12.11	+.01	+7.6
InvtGrdCdtBdI	11.17	+.02	+14.8
InvtGrdCdtBdI-2	11.17	+.02	+14.6
LowDrInstl	9.86	+.01	+4.5
MortgOpps&Bdl	10.89	...	+5.1
RlRetInstl	11.44	...	+8.9
ShrtTrmIns	9.78	-.01	+2.7
TtlRetA m	10.54	+.01	+9.0
TtlRetIns	10.54	+.01	+9.4
PRIMECAP Odyssey			
AgrsGr	46.74	+.94	+11.3
Gr	41.84	+.45	+12.4
Stk	34.68	+.20	+15.7
Parnassus			
CorEqInv	49.36	+.87	+25.8
Pioneer			
A m	30.80	+.32	+27.6
Principal			
LCpSP500IdxIs	20.60	+.33	+25.4
PrefSecIns	10.60	+.03	+14.0
Putnam			
EqIncA m	26.86	+.25	+20.7
GrOppsA m	43.20	+1.26	+35.3
SustLeadersA m	100.42	+2.20	+29.9
Schwab			
FdmtlUSLgCIdx	18.08	+.19	+19.2
IntlIdx	20.67	+.05	+14.1
SP500Idx

MarketPulse

SCHICK DUMPS HARRY'S
The owner of Schick razors decided a potential purchase was just too hairy. Edgewell Personal Care cut its plan to buy upstart shaving company Harry's this week, just days after the U.S. sued to block the proposed $1.37 billion deal. The Federal Trade Commission cited the impact on competition as an issue. Schick is the No. 2 razor company in the U.S. behind Gillette. Both brands slashed prices and overhauled their sales operations in recent years in response to the rise of Harry's and other direct-to-consumer digital brands. Harry's had hoped to capitalize on Edgewell's distribution channels and Edgewell believed that it could leverage Harry's marketing base and digital savvy.

HIP-HOP HUSTLE
A crew of Rolls-Royce-riding identity thieves who posed as rap industry figures scammed more than $100,000 from some of the South's most exclusive hotels, prosecutors say. The hustlers posed as figures from the entertainment firm Roc Nation. They skipped out on a $45,000 bill at The Georgian Terrace Hotel in Atlanta, where cast members from "Gone With The Wind" stayed during the film's Atlanta premiere. Representatives of the Hyatt Regency Atlanta told the FBI the group walked away without paying its $39,000 tab. The rented Rolls-Royce Phantom also went unpaid for, hitting A-National Limousine with a loss of nearly $60,000.

WHISKEY OVER A BARREL
Americans are buying more whiskey but a trade war has had a jarring impact on exports to Europe. For distillers, it is a proverbial glass-half-full, glass-half-empty, scenario. The Distilled Spirits Council said that American whiskey exports to the European Union were down 27% in the last year. Overall domestic supplier sales rose 5.3% to a record $29 billion in the U.S. in 2019. The industry has been caught in the middle of a trans-Atlantic trade dispute since mid-2018, when the EU imposed tariffs on American whiskey and other U.S. products in response to President Donald Trump's decision to slap tariffs on European steel and aluminum.

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Quotable

"It's still an internet shutdown and a blanket censorship of the internet."

— **Nikhil Pahwa**, a New Delhi-based digital rights activist. India is restoring some internet access to the Kashmir region after a six-month shutdown, but under government restrictions.

Where retail jobs are shrinking

America's retailers shed 8,300 jobs in January — the latest evidence that traditional shopping is suffering a steady decline even though overall consumer spending is supporting a solid U.S. economy.

Hiring across the U.S. economy has helped reduce the nation's unemployment rate to a near half-century low of 3.6%. But the job growth is occurring despite a drag from the retail sector. Employment at retailers peaked in January 2017 at 15.92 million jobs. The sector is now down to 15.67 million jobs, according to the Labor Department.

Where are the losses steepest? Mainly, they're at physical stores that are facing fierce online competition. Department stores have let go of 130,100 workers since the start of 2017. At sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores, there are 56,200 fewer jobs. Clothiers are down by 116,100 jobs, electronics stores by 34,400.

On the other hand, auto dealerships, building materials stores and gas stations — all of which are less susceptible to online transactions — are among the industry sectors that have increased hiring over the past three years.

Fewer jobs
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Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

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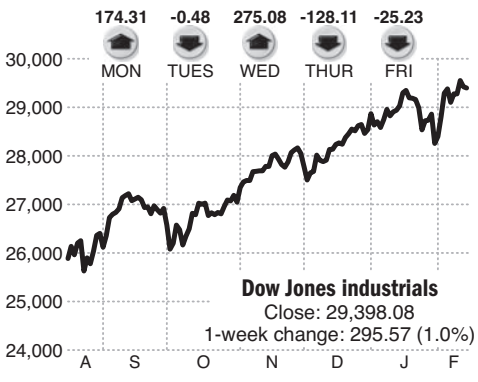
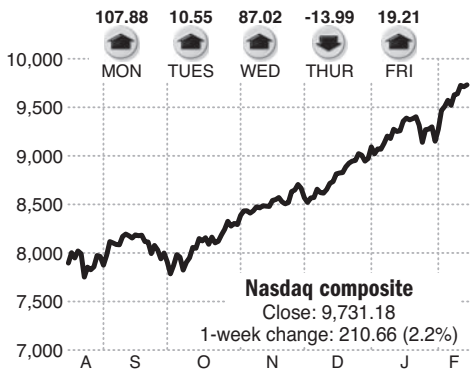




WEEKLY PERFORMANCE

52-WEEK HIGH	52-WEEK LOW	INDEX	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	MO	QTR	YTD %CHG	1YR %CHG
29568.57	24680.57	Dow Jones industrial average	29568.57	28995.66	29398.08	+295.57	+1.0	▲	▲	+3.0	+13.6
11359.49	9676.06	Dow Jones transportation	11042.04	10805.96	10862.92	+5.19	+0.1	▼	▼	-0.4	+2.8
956.35	732.82	Dow Jones utilities	956.35	929.60	955.35	+23.52	+2.5	▲	▲	+8.7	+29.4
14183.26	12238.40	NYSE Comp.	14148.24	13899.53	14097.34	+165.41	+1.2	▼	▲	+1.3	+11.9
5914.74	5127.21	NYSE International	5866.88	5742.28	5796.52	+29.80	+0.5	▼	▲	-0.6	+8.6
9636.41	6893.80	Nasdaq 100	9636.41	9373.20	9623.58	+222.48	+2.4	▲	▲	+10.2	+36.4
9748.32	7290.03	Nasdaq Comp.	9748.32	9493.63	9731.18	+210.66	+2.2	▲	▲	+8.5	+30.2
3385.09	2703.79	S&P 500	3385.09	3317.77	3380.16	+52.45	+1.6	▲	▲	+4.6	+21.8
2106.30	1802.58	S&P MidCap	2100.51	2045.16	2096.61	+47.31	+2.3	▲	▲	+1.6	+9.5
34474.00	28036.97	Wilshire 5000	34474.00	33753.43	34428.34	+600.35	+1.8	▲	▲	+4.7	+19.5
1715.08	1450.32	Russell 2000	1696.54	1653.67	1687.58	+30.81	+1.9	▼	▲	+1.2	+7.5
432.26	358.87	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	432.26	422.24	430.52	+6.16	+1.5	▲	▲	+3.5	+16.7
7727.49	7004.43	FTSE 100	7547.65	7403.69	7409.13	-57.57	-0.8	▼	▲	-1.8	+2.4

Weekly Gainers ($2 or more)

STOCK	LAST	WK CHG	WK %CHG
Genprex	4.28	+3.10	+262.7
NeuroBo rs	23.77	+10.98	+85.8
BioXcelT	36.97	+16.97	+84.8
Sprint	8.69	+3.76	+76.3
Pavmed	2.46	+1.01	+69.7
VirgGal un	33.74	+12.16	+56.3
AdverumBi	15.79	+5.55	+54.2
Taubmn	53.25	+18.58	+53.6
VirgnGal	28.68	+9.75	+51.5
ImunoGn	6.80	+2.25	+49.5

Weekly Losers ($2 or more)

STOCK	LAST	WK CHG	WK %CHG
Myomo rs	5.75	-9.93	-63.3
Phio Ph rs	3.02	-4.43	-59.5
LMP Auto n	12.58	-11.13	-46.9
PulseBiosc	8.55	-5.17	-37.7
XeriaPh	4.00	-2.10	-34.4
Atlanticus	11.28	-5.04	-30.9
TechCom lf	3.20	-1.41	-30.5
WhitngPet	2.92	-1.18	-28.8
PyxusInt	4.48	-1.79	-28.5
LogicBio	8.01	-2.99	-27.2

Weekly Actives ($1 or more)

STOCK	VOL (00s)	LAST	WK CHG
Sprint	3879730	8.69	+3.76
FordM	3823083	8.10	-.01
AMD	2891301	55.31	+5.58
GenElec	2370779	12.83	
NokiaCp	2342645	4.33	-.04
Microsoft	2235408	185.35	+1.46
AuroraC	2127695	1.58	-.12
TevaPhrm	1768447	12.22	+.06
Uber Tch n	1767426	39.66	-.97
ItauUnH	1670351	7.85	+.09

Growth curbs ahead

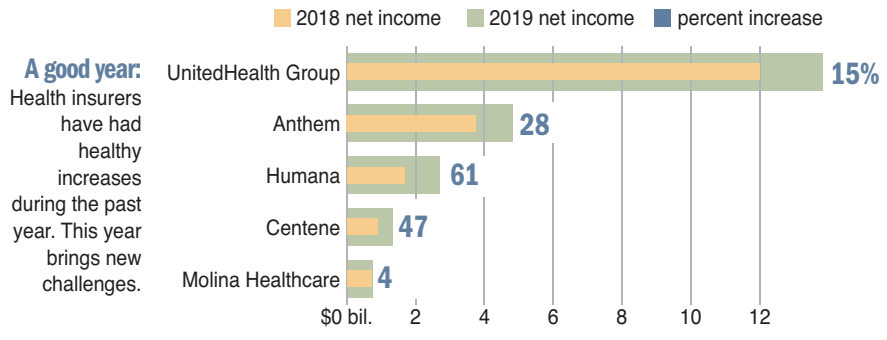
It was mostly smooth sailing for health insurers last year, but 2020 could get choppy.

Insurer earnings growth is expected to get dinged by the return of a fee that supports the Affordable Care Act. And investors may become alternately rattled or encouraged by the U.S. presidential race, as they have in the past.

The five publicly traded companies that draw most of their revenue from insurance all grew profits in 2019, and investors responded. Shares of UnitedHealth Group, Anthem, Humana and Molina reached record prices last year even though the sector trailed the broader market.

Moody's Senior Analyst Dean Ungar expects earnings growth to be slightly lower in 2020 because of the ACA fee and the rising cost of things like specialty drugs. He also noted that gains some insurers have made from coverage sold on the ACA's insurance exchanges will level off.

Then there's politics. Investors may get nervous if candidates who want to overhaul the U.S. health care system do well — and they may get excited if those ideas fade or the president looks headed for another term.



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InterestRates

Money market mutual funds	YIELD	MIN INVEST	PHONE
Taxable—national avg	1.10		
Fidelity Inv Money Market/Instit	1.70	$10 mil.	(800) 544-6666
Tax-exempt—national avg	0.62		
Federated Muni Oblig Fund/Wealth	1.02	500K	(800) 341-7400

U.S. BOND INDEXES	FRIDAY YIELD	CHANGE 1WK	1MO	3MO	1YR	52-WEEK HIGH	LOW
Broad market Lehman	2.08	-0.03	▼	▼	-1.14	3.25	2.02
Triple-A corporate Moody's	2.83	-0.03	▼	▼	-0.95	3.87	2.77
Corp. Inv. Grade Lehman	2.61	-0.03	▼	▼	-1.33	3.95	2.57
U.S. high yield Barclays	5.90	0.02	▲	▲	-0.88	6.89	5.43
Global Aggregate Barclays	1.29	-0.02	▼	▼	-0.67	1.99	1.17
Treasury 10-Yr. TIPS		0.00	▼	▼	-0.76	0.81	0.00

TREASURYS	FRIDAY YIELD	CHANGE 1WK	1MO	3MO	1YR	52-WEEK HIGH	LOW
3-month T-Bill	1.57	0.01	▲	▲	-0.85	2.45	1.51
6-month T-Bill	1.55	-0.01	▼	▼	-0.94	2.53	1.53
52-week T-Bill	1.47	0.00	▼	▼	-1.05	2.54	1.44
2-year T-Note	1.43	0.05	▼	▼	-1.05	2.54	1.31
5-year T-Note	1.41	0.02	▼	▼	-1.06	2.57	1.32
10-year T-Note	1.58	0.01	▼	▼	-1.07	2.75	1.46
30-year T-Bond	2.05	0.01	▼	▼	-0.96	3.12	1.94

Money fund data provided by iMoneyNet Inc.

Foreign Exchange

The dollar rose slightly against the euro and British pound. The dollar fell slightly against the Japanese yen, the Canadian dollar and Mexican peso.

MAJORS	CLOSE	CH.	%CH.	6MO.	1YR.
USD per British Pound	1.3031	-.0023	-.18%	1.2059	1.2800
Canadian Dollar	1.3252	-.0008	-.06%	1.3323	1.3283
USD per Euro	1.0842	-.0001	-.01%	1.1137	1.1301
Japanese Yen	109.76	-.03	-.03%	105.88	110.49
Mexican Peso	18.5701	-.0117	-.06%	19.7011	19.2704
EUROPE/AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST					
Israeli Shekel	3.4271	+.0030	+.09%	3.5207	3.6548
Norwegian Krone	9.2548	-.0018	-.02%	8.9721	8.6404
South African Rand	14.9161	+.0112	+.08%	15.3928	14.1326
Swedish Krona	9.7143	+.0364	+.37%	9.6325	9.2825
Swiss Franc	.9819	+.0027	+.27%	.9736	1.0048
ASIA/PACIFIC					
Australian Dollar	1.4903	+.0031	+.21%	1.4822	1.4073
Chinese Yuan	6.9871	+.0097	+.14%	7.0244	6.7723
Hong Kong Dollar	7.7676	-.0002	-.00%	7.8453	7.8471
Indian Rupee	71.585	+.284	+.40%	71.615	71.023
Singapore Dollar	1.3926	+.0030	+.22%	1.3900	1.3576
South Korean Won	1184.12	+.60	+.05%	1218.13	1126.34
Taiwan Dollar	30.03	+.02	+.07%	31.43	30.84

Commodities

Energy prices were mostly higher, with crude oil prices rising 1%. Natural gas prices rose less than 1%. Gold and silver prices rose slightly.

FUELS	CLOSE	PVS.	%CH.	%YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	52.05	51.42	+1.23	-14.8
Ethanol (gal)	1.36	1.34	+1.12	-1.2
Heating Oil (gal)	1.70	1.68	+1.05	-16.2
Natural Gas (mm btu)	1.84	1.83	+0.60	-16.1
Unleaded Gas (gal)	1.58	1.58	+0.20	-6.3
METALS	**CLOSE**	**PVS.**	**%CH.**	**%YTD**
Gold (oz)	1582.70	1575.10	+0.48	+4.2
Silver (oz)	17.72	17.60	+0.65	-0.6
Platinum (oz)	968.80	974.70	-0.61	-0.3
Copper (lb)	2.61	2.62	-0.53	-6.8
AGRICULTURE	**CLOSE**	**PVS.**	**%CH.**	**%YTD**
Cattle (lb)	1.21	1.19	+1.15	-3.1
Coffee (lb)	1.11	1.07	+4.36	-14.2
Corn (bu)	3.78	3.80	-0.46	-2.6
Cotton (lb)	0.67	0.68	-0.50	-2.4
Lumber (1,000 bd ft)	449.00	455.10	-1.34	+10.7
Orange Juice (lb)	0.99	0.99	...	+2.0
Soybeans (bu)	8.94	8.96	-0.28	-5.2
Wheat (bu)	5.43	5.44	-0.28	-2.9

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Best Stocks One Month

BEST LARGE-CAP STOCKS

COMPANY	TICKER	FRIDAY CLOSE	%CHG 1WK	%CHG 1MO	%RTN 1YR	PE	YLD
Sprint Corp	S	8.69	76.3	**80.3**	40.1	5	...
Tesla Inc	TSLA	800.03	6.9	**56.7**	146.1	dd	...
Deutsche Bank AG	DB	11.04	6.1	**31.1**	27.1	...	...
NortonLifeLock Corp	NLOK	20.66	4.7	**27.1**	40.8	10	2.4
Bilibili Inc	BILI	28.69	14.8	**25.8**	54.1	70	...
RingCentral Inc	RNG	242.39	16.8	**25.7**	122.0	dd	...
Alteryx Inc	AYX	158.00	14.8	**25.3**	107.7	...	...
Slack Technologies	WORK	27.99	21.7	**24.6**	0.0	...	...
PG&E Corp	PCG	16.20	-6.6	**23.9**	9.3	24	...
DocuSign Inc	DOCU	89.41	7.5	**23.3**	65.8	dd	...
DexCom Inc	DXCM	283.91	18.2	**23.0**	61.1	dd	...
Zoom Vidio Comm Cl A	ZM	90.95	2.6	**20.4**	0.0	...	...
Teva Pharm	TEVA	12.22	0.5	**19.8**	-29.7	dd	6.0
Square Inc	SQ	81.86	3.8	**18.0**	5.8	...	...
Brookfield Renew En	BEP	54.49	4.8	**17.7**	90.8	...	4.0

BEST MID-CAP STOCKS

COMPANY	TICKER	FRIDAY CLOSE	%CHG 1WK	%CHG 1MO	%RTN 1YR	PE	YLD
Virgin Galactic un	SPCE/U	33.74	56.3	**95.1**	168.7	...	...
Virgin Galactic Hldg	SPCE	28.68	51.5	**83.4**	128.7	...	...
Acceleron Pharma	XLRN	93.66	-0.8	**66.8**	119.7	dd	...
Taubman Ctrs	TCO	53.25	53.6	**66.6**	14.2	28	5.1
ImmunoGen	IMGN	6.80	49.5	**49.1**	-2.2	dd	...
Beam Therapeutics	BEAM	27.90	35.3	**48.8**	0.0	...	...
Insmed Inc	INSM	30.64	-6.9	**42.8**	21.1	dd	...
Penn Natl Gaming	PENN	36.87	7.4	**41.8**	49.5	cc	...
Vivint Smart Home	VVNT	16.27	14.9	**41.5**	0.0	...	...
Bill.com Holdings	BILL	61.77	10.7	**41.4**	0.0	dd	...
Unisys Cp	UIS	17.39	5.5	**41.0**	34.3	dd	...
Alector Inc	ALEC	30.00	-15.0	**40.3**	72.9	dd	...
Invitae Corp	NVTA	27.04	17.6	**37.7**	77.1	dd	...
SLM Corp	SLM	12.06	6.8	**36.1**	9.1	11	1.0
Navistar Intl	NAV	37.28	0.6	**36.0**	9.7	11	...

BEST SMALL-CAP STOCKS

COMPANY	TICKER	FRIDAY CLOSE	%CHG 1WK	%CHG 1MO	%RTN 1YR	PE	YLD
genprex Inc	GNPX	4.28	262.7	**1088.9**	24.8	dd	...
NeuroBo Pharmaceutic	NRBO	23.77	85.8	**193.8**	8.1	...	...
Aduro Biotech	ADRO	3.38	17.8	**141.4**	-15.4	dd	...
BioXcel Therapeut	BTAI	36.97	84.8	**121.8**	80.5	dd	...
Lineage Cell Thera	LCTX	1.51	20.8	**86.7**	28.5	dd	...
scPharmaceuticals	SCPH	8.64	25.2	**60.0**	107.2	dd	...
Anavex Life Sci	AVXL	5.00	25.3	**51.5**	87.3	dd	...
Hc2 Holdings Inc	HCHC	4.02	14.9	**50.6**	29.4	dd	...
Compugen Ltd	CGEN	9.02	2.3	**47.4**	147.3	cc	...
Satsuma Pharmeceut	STSA	28.30	-7.8	**44.5**	0.0	dd	...
Agile Therapeutics	AGRX	4.07	3.6	**44.3**	336.4	dd	...
Health Ins Innov	HIIQ	29.04	10.1	**44.1**	-28.6	24	...
Diamond Eagle Acq un	DEACU	21.00	32.6	**41.9**	0.0	...	...
Cel-Sci Corp	CVM	14.22	-2.3	**41.8**	395.4	...	...
Atreca Inc	BCEL	20.98	-7.6	**41.4**	0.0	dd	...

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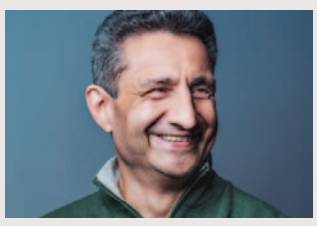
Privacy and chat on Facebook



Stan Chudnovsky
Vice President of Messenger
Facebook

At Facebook, Stan Chudnovsky oversees the Messenger chat app that's used by well over 1 billion people each month. He's playing a key role in helping Facebook integrate that app with its other chat tools, WhatsApp and Instagram Direct.

The massive project has already gotten pushback from regulators worried about Facebook's size and power. Government officials also worry about Facebook's plans to extend end-to-end encryption to Messenger. Once that happens, Facebook wouldn't be able to respond to law enforcement subpoenas because it wouldn't have a way to unscramble messages.

Chudnovsky, who moved to the U.S. from Russia in 1994, joined Facebook in 2015. He spoke with The Associated Press recently about his work and views on privacy.

What are the biggest roadblocks in bringing end-to-end encryption?
It's technologically hard to move from the system that is alive and functioning and has billions of messages being sent every day to where it's done completely differently architecturally. We also need to figure out how to do as much as we can on safety, while being the leaders on privacy. We are trying to go through that process slowly and very responsibly while talking to everyone.

How do you ensure that people are safe when you can't see bad things people are doing?
We are going to continue to work very closely with law enforcement on whatever we can provide. We also have connectivity to social networks. Whoever is a bad player on social networks, we will be able to see if those bad players exist on messaging services.

You can send things in a private message that you can't post on Facebook, right?
Definitely. You should be able to send whatever you want to send in a private message.

What if it's illegal or hurting someone?
Generally we believe that conversation between people should be private. We don't make a difference between the conversations that are happening in the living room or on the phone and conversations that are happening in a private chat.

What if you try to sell a gun, despite Facebook's ban?
If you're trying to sell a gun, you are probably trying to sell a gun to many people. When someone reports that and someone provides the messages that from the point of that person are illegal, then definitely we will be able to look at that.

Do you think scrutiny of Facebook will ease any time soon?
We have a lot of responsibility. And the criticism, sometimes it's accurate. Sometimes it's not accurate. At the end of the day, what it means if everyone's talking about you positively or negatively or both, is that you're important. We just need to continue to deliver value to people. And as long as we are building products that people like. I think it's going to be fine.

Interviewed by Barbara Ortutay. Edited for clarity and length.

AP

HOME

From page B4

Quarantines in the central province of Hubei, which surrounds Wuhan, and some neighboring areas still are in place. Many large companies have told employees to stay home.

"A return to normal isn't yet in sight," said Roger Diwan of IHS Markit in a report.

Many employees already were equipped to work from home due to China's almost universal adoption of smartphones, the internet and messaging and video call services, including the popular WeChat operated by Tencent Holdings Ltd.

China is "probably one of the best countries to do this," said Michael Mayer, who is in charge of marketing for the Volkswagen auto brand in China. A 27-year veteran of VW, he came to China from India three years ago.

"This would be hard to do in Europe. People here are much more open to using digital tools," said Mayer. "As sad as it sounds, this is the best place for us to try this experiment."

After breakfast with his three teenagers, Mayer moves into a back room of their Beijing apartment to talk with coworkers by phone and video call while his children study in their bedrooms. They meet again for lunch.

"Now everybody's at home," said Mayer. "Not too bad. Actually quite interesting and quite pleasant."

Volkswagen plans to reopen its Beijing offices on Monday but is waiting for updates from health authorities, said Mayer.

Xiong of IQAir expressed frustration at not being able to make his sales pitch to potential clients face to face but said the quarantine gives him more time with his son.

Xiong and his wife are among millions of parents who also looking after children who are cooped up at home because schools have been closed indefinitely. Xiong said he helps his son with lessons sent over WeChat by the kindergarten.

"Usually, when I get home from work, it is almost time for his bath and bed," said Xiong. "Now that we spend time together every day, I think I know my child more and he relies on me more. Our connection is stronger, and so is the whole family."

Many have barely set foot outdoors for almost three weeks.

Cities including Hangzhou, an industrial metropolis of 10 million people southwest of Shanghai that is home to e-commerce giant Alibaba, are allowing only one household member out each day to buy food.

Apartment complexes in Beijing and other cities have been ordered to check visitors for fever. Many allow only residents to enter.

Zhang said she has left her parents' complex only once to go shopping. She was nearly barred by security guards from returning.

"There are almost no people or cars on the street," she said.

Ray Cheng, a Macau-born entrepreneur in the southern city of Guangzhou, said he starts the day by making a plan for his 7-year-old daughter and 5-year-old son – "what they need to do, then lunch, then what to do" – and then gets on the phone with his employees and customers.

"When I work, I arrange for them to do something they like. They are very focused and won't bother me," Cheng told a reporter. "Right now they are watching 'Lion King' so I can talk to you."

IQAir's China sales manager, Mike Bearden, said he usually spends 50 percent of his time on the road but has been at home in Beijing for three weeks talking by phone with potential customers. He said sales might get a boost from the virus because families and hospitals are thinking more about clean air.

"It's probably the longest stretch I've stayed in Beijing in the last 10 years," said Bearden, a Canadian-American who grew up in Seattle. "My exercise is basically pacing my apartment while having phone conversations."

Negative interest rates turn saving, borrowing upside down

By DAVID MCHUGH and CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
AP Business Writers

Jean-François Badias / AP

Christine Lagarde president of the ECB before making a speech during the annual report 2018 of the ECB, before the European Parliament's economic and monetary affairs committee at the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France, Tuesday Feb. 11.

FRANKFURT, Germany — Imagine a mortgage that pays you the interest, not the other way around. Or a savings account where it's the bank, not the saver, who collects interest.

Welcome to the upside-down world of ultra-low and negative interest rates that is taking hold in many parts of the world where economic growth has been sluggish. Now more than a decade old, economists think it could be a feature of the global economy for years to come and change the way people save and invest.

"This will mean that we must save more, work longer, and expect less," said Olivia Mitchell, an economics professor at the Wharton Business School at the University of Pennsylvania.

The latest chapter is the drop in interest rates on some bank deposits below zero as central banks, particularly in Europe and Japan, try to support the economy amid uncertainty about trade by making borrowing cheaper to spur spending and investment. Official data released Friday showed that Germany's growth ground to a halt at the end of last year.

Economists think there are also longer-term factors causing low rates, such as aging populations in rich countries and high rates of savings in China and other emerging economies.

Low rates first hit in the wake of the global financial crisis. The U.S. Federal Reserve, Bank of England, Bank of Japan, and European Central Bank slashed rates close to zero. In 2014, the ECB went negative.

Ultra-low rates have helped push up stock markets to record highs, as vanishing returns on safe assets lead to a search for returns elsewhere. Pushing people to invest in riskier assets is part of the stimulus effect central banks are trying to impart. But there are also fears that very low rates can cause markets to bubble up, and crash back down with painful consequences. So far, the dire predictions haven't come true. The current bull market in U.S. stocks turns 11 years old on March 9.

In Germany, some banks are now telling companies and others with large amounts of cash that they must pay a rate on large deposits instead of accruing interest. The penalty typically applies to big accounts, such as more than $555,000, according to financial website Biallo.de. Banks are doing this because they themselves have to pay a 0.5 percent penalty on deposits they hold at the European Central Bank. If banks can't find a home for depositor money, it winds up in their ECB holdings and results in their being charged.

Small depositors like individual consumers are so far not being charged on savings. The idea is politically toxic, especially in Germany.

But the low rate environment raises questions about preserving wealth, especially for those trying to save for retirement. German newsmedia are full of stories about "penalty rates"and criticism of the European Central Bank for, as they put it, expropriating savers.

Gerhard Michel, a financial coach in Duesseldorf, says people need to be aware that inflation eats away at savings even in more normal times, though people may be less aware of it when rates are above zero.

"If you look at it historically, people with savings accounts never had any kind of interesting performance," he said. "The inflation rate ruins any returns on the government bond market or the savings market – and it has always been that way historically. What shocks people now is that people must say the word zero, or even negative, interest."

Michel, who is 53, teaches his coachees about value investing, a more time-consuming approach that analyzes financial statements to look for companies the market may be underestimating.

His approach with his own money: "I will buy stocks until the end of my days."

Four trillion euros worth of government bonds of the 19 countries that use the euro now yield less than zero. Trillions more in Japanese and other government bonds trade below zero around the world. Even Greece, which defaulted on government bonds in 2012 and carries the highest debt load in Europe, was able to sell three-month notes at a negative rate.

Why, in fact, would anyone pay for the privilege of buying a bond?

One way of viewing the phenomenon is that the investor is paying for the safety of the investment. Or buyers may hope to sell the bond at a profit. That is possible if rates go even lower – as some analysts think they will.

On the positive side of the ledger, low or negative interest rates can make it easier for companies and consumers to borrow, stimulating economic activity. The European Central Bank says its policies created 11 million new jobs since 2013. In the U.S., home sales have picked up as mortgage rates have fallen to 3.7 percent.

Now, even some home buyers can get into the negative rates game.

Denmark's Jyske Bank offers a minus 0.5 percent interest mortgage while still making a profit. Customers must make monthly principal payments, but the sum they owe is whittled down month by month by the negative rate over the life of the mortgage. The bank is able to fund the mortgage by selling a bond at minus 0.5 percent, passing the rate to the customer, and making money on modest mortgage fees.

The Danish bank is unusual in offering the negative rate, but mortgage rates for credit-worthy borrowers are also not far above zero in Germany. For instance, a 10-year mortgage with a large down payment can carry interest of only 0.7 percent.

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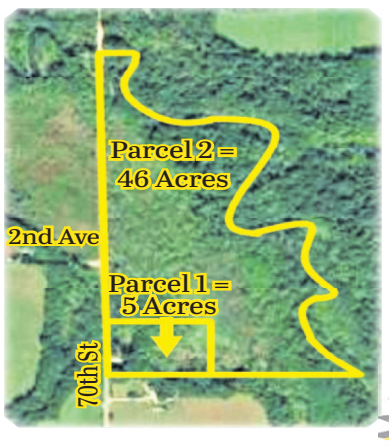

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Great horned owl a potent predator

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St. Joseph's Jeremiah Sterling shoots over Mattawan's Carson Foor, left and Andrew Foster during Friday night's game

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SJ boys clamp down on Mattawan

Bear girls suffer first SMAC West loss of season

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

St. Joseph boys 47, Mattawan 35

Mattawan girls 40, St. Joseph 31

ST. JOSEPH — St. Joseph used a strong defensive effort to get its second straight boys basketball victory, defeating Mattawan 47-35 on Friday.

The St. Joseph girls suffered their first Southwestern Michigan Athletic Conference West Division loss of the season, falling to Mattawan 40-31.

In the boys game, St. Joseph (3-4 SMAC West, 5-10) led 23-14 at halftime, then held Mattawan (1-6, 2-13) scoreless for the first six minutes of the third quarter as it pushed the lead to its largest point of the game at 34-14.

"It was a real solid defensive effort," St. Joseph coach Gregg Schaffer said. "For long stretches of the game, we played pretty well offensively. It got a little bit sloppy at the end, but definitely a performance we can build on."

Luke Hedstrom led a balanced St. Joseph attack with 12 points and eight rebounds. Brennen Kerns added eight points, and Nick Borre and Conner Wright each scored seven. Borre also had seven rebounds.

The Bears won the battle of the boards 33-20 and set the tone early, grabbing nine offensive rebounds in the first quarter to overcome a slow shooting start.

"I was pleased with our energy throughout our lineup," Schaffer said. "I thought our starters had really good energy on the offensive glass early in the game, and then the guys off the bench gave us a big lift and I think wore them down a bit."

Jalen Jones led Mattawan with 10 points.

His game did not get off to a good start, as he was assessed a pregame technical foul.

Kerns made one of the two free throws to put the Bears ahead before the clock began moving.

St. Joseph beat Battle Creek Lakeview 58-56 on Tuesday, and has now won two in a row for the first time this season.

"To the guys credit, we stuck together through a tough stretch," Schaffer said. "Now we're gaining confidence, and we're excited about the last part of the season."

In the girls game, St. Joseph (7-1, 11-6) struggled offensively, committing 19 turnovers and shooting just 13 for 45 (29 percent) from the field.

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Lakeshore sweeps Portage Northern

Lancer girls, boys both come up big in fourth quarter

By MAXWELL HARDEN
HP Sports Writer

STEVENSVILLE – The Lakeshore boys and girls basketball teams took care of business in Southwestern Michigan Athletic Conference West Division play on Friday night.

Lakeshore boys 41, Portage Northern 37

Lakeshore girls 59, Portage Northern 46

The girls team rallied late to edge Portage Northern 41-37 and the boys team used a strong second half to earn a 59-46 win.

The girls game was a back-and-forth affair throughout. After taking a 27-23 lead into the fourth quarter, Portage Northern led by as many as eight after an Allison French basket put the Huskies up 31-23 with six minutes to play in the game.

But the Lancers – led by Hollee Hercik and Ella Jeske – refused to give in. Jeske knocked down two 3-pointers in the fourth, and Hercik scored six of her nine points in the frame as the Lancers ended the game on an 18-6 scoring run to ice it.

Jeske finished with 13 points and Hercik added seven rebounds.

"They both really stepped up," Lakeshore girls coach Michael Clark said. "I'll be honest, this whole season, those two have found ways to help us one way or another. Ella has been known for her defense all year but she has really come around as an offensive threat for us. Hollee has been consistently good for us on both sides of the ball for us. It's been really good to see both seniors step into that leadership role for us."

Portage Northern's Allison French led all scorers with 14.

Lakeshore forced Portage

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No panic from Bees

Ron DeKett / HP correspondent

Bridgman's Jayce Warren keeps he ball away from Berrien Springs' Josiah Pittman during Friday's game.

Bridgman boys overcome cold shooting to beat Berrien Springs

By AL AREND
HP Sports Correspondent

BERRIEN SPRINGS – Despite going 12 minutes with just one field goal, Bridgman's boys basketball team stayed in the thick of Berrien-Cass-St. Joseph Conference Red Division race Friday night, registering a hard fought 57-45 victory over Berrien Springs.

Bridgman 57, Berrien Springs 45

"I'm proud of the kids. We went the entire second quarter without scoring a basket (from the floor). In the past this season, we panicked in those moments," said Bees coach Mike Miller. "We really didn't tonight. We stayed relaxed and stuck some clutch shots down the stretch."

"Our defense and rebounding won it for us," added Miller, whose squad improved to 4-2 in the Red Division and 10-4 overall.

Bridgman held a whopping 37-24 advantage on the boards as 6-foot-6 senior center Hunter Adams led the Bees with a double-double (15 points and 10 rebounds), despite missing some significant time in foul trouble.

The Bees also were 11 of 22 from the free throw line, compared to just 2 of 3 for the smaller Shamrocks, who slipped to 0-7 in the Red Division and 4-9 on the season.

Bridgman jumped out to a 22-10 lead after the opening quarter, but managed just two free throws in the second as the Shamrocks cut the lead to 24-19 at halftime.

The Bees' cold spell ended when Luke Blesy nailed a trey a minute into the third, and the Bees holding a 28-21 edge. However, the Shamrocks then went on a 10-0 run to take a brief 31-28 lead, before Miller called a timeout with 2:40 left in the period.

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Daniel Suarez (96) and Ryan Blaney (12) collide along the front stretch after coming out of Turn 4 during the first of two NASCAR Daytona 500 qualifying races on Thursday.

Daytona 500 up for grabs as no clear theme has emerged

By JENNA FRYER
AP Auto Racing Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — The first four events leading into the Daytona 500 have produced four different winners. Ricky Stenhouse Jr. put his new team on the pole, while Erik Jones outlasted a crash-fest to win a qualifying race. Joey Logano and William Byron won the qualifying races.

No clear favorite has emerged for "The Great American Race." No single manufacturer has a demonstrated edge going into NASCAR's version of the Super Bowl. It was a Toyota 1-2-3 sweep for Joe Gibbs Racing last year, in part because of mandated manufacturer alliances for drivers to work together, but there's so far been little indication the race will play out the same way Sunday.

Instead, this is a wide-open field of 40 drivers and all believe they have a shot at the life-changing victory and the record $23.6 million that will be divvied by among the drivers. And why not? The unpredictability of Daytona allowed Justin Haley to gamble on rain strategy last July and shock the field with

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IN BRIEF

Record purse for Daytona 500

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — NASCAR will dole out a record $23.6 million to the 40 drivers racing in the Daytona 500.

The sanctioning body released the total purse Friday, an about-face for an organization that hadn't released payouts since the 2015 season. NASCAR's charter system with teams had previously prohibited the disclosure of financial details. The Race Team Alliance announced Thursday it was close to agreeing to NASCAR's proposal for a four-year extension to the charter system that would run through 2024.

NASCAR has experienced significant changes to its business model in recent years, with sponsorship dollars dwindling. Drivers have had to adjust, too, with many of them working for less guaranteed money and relying more on purse winnings.

The Daytona 500 purse grew steadily since the race's inception in 1959. Lee Petty took home nearly $20,000 for winning the inaugural "Great American Race."

Hader loses arbitration case

PHOENIX (AP) — All-Star closer Josh Hader lost his salary arbitration case against the Milwaukee Brewers, dropping players to 1-6 in hearings this year.

Hader will earn $4.1 million rather than his $6.4 million request.

Arbitrators Mark Burstein, Dan Brent and Frederic Horowitz made the decision Friday, a day after hearing arguments.

A shaggy-haired lefthander who turns 26 in April, Hader had 37 saves in 44 chances and went 3-5 with a 2.62 ERA in his second straight All-Star season.

After making $687,600 last year, Hader just made the arbitration eligibility cutoff with 2 years, 115 days of major league service.

Teams also beat Boston Red Sox pitcher Eduardo Rodríguez, Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder Joc Pederson, Minnesota pitcher José Berríos, Atlanta reliever Shane Greene and Colorado catcher Tony Wolters.

Dodgers reliever Pedro Báez has been the lone player to win.

AIRWAVES

Television today

7:25 a.m. (NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** Southampton FC vs Burnley FC. (Live)
11:00 a.m. (FS1) **NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series** NASCAR Racing Experience 300, Qualifying. (Live) CC
12:00 p.m. 17 22.2 32 **College Basketball** Purdue at Ohio State. (Live)
(Bigten) **College Basketball** Northwestern at Penn State. (Live)
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Oklahoma at Kansas. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Syracuse at Florida State. (Live)
12:30 p.m. 5 8 16 **Premier League Soccer** Norwich City FC vs Liverpool FC. (Live)
(FS1) **NASCAR Cup Series** Daytona 500, Final Practice. (Live)
(NBCSports) **College Basketball** Dayton at Massachusetts. (Live)
1:00 p.m. 2 3 22 **College Basketball** Texas Tech at Oklahoma State. (Live) CC
(FoxDetroit) **NHL Hockey** Detroit Red Wings at Boston Bruins. (Live)
(Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** The Genesis Invitational, Third Round. (Live)
2:00 p.m. 7 13 41 57 **XFL Football** New York Guardians at DC Defenders. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Ole Miss at Kentucky. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Texas at Iowa State. (Live)
2:15 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Wisconsin at Nebraska. (Live) CC
2:30 p.m. 17 22.2 32 **College Basketball** Georgetown at Butler. (Live)
(FS1) **NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series** NASCAR Racing Experience 300. (Live) CC
(NBCSports) **College Basketball** La Salle at St. Louis. (Live)
3:00 p.m. 2 3 22 **PGA Tour Golf** The Genesis Invitational, Third Round. (Live) CC
(Golf) **PGA Tour Champions Golf** Chubb Classic, Second Round. (Live)
4:00 p.m. 5 8 16 **Track and Field** U.S. Outdoor Championships, Day 2. (Live)
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Notre Dame at Duke. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** LSU at Alabama. (Live)
(NBCSCH) **Women's College Basketball** Southern Illinois at Missouri State. (Live)
4:30 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Illinois at Rutgers. (Live) CC
(NBCSports) **College Basketball** George Washington at George Mason. (Live)
5:00 p.m. 17 22.2 32 **XFL Football** Tampa Bay Vipers at Seattle Dragons. (Live)
5:30 p.m. (FS1) **PBA Bowling** Players Championship. (Live) CC
6:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Maryland at Michigan State. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Auburn at Missouri. (Live)
7:00 p.m. (NBCSCH) **College Basketball** Valparaiso at Illinois State. (Live)
(NBCSports) **Motocross Racing** Monster Energy Supercross: Tampa. (Live)
7:30 p.m. (Bigten) **College Wrestling** Ohio State at Penn State. (Live) CC
(FS1) **College Basketball** DePaul at Creighton. (Live) CC
8:00 p.m. 5 8 16 **NHL Hockey** Los Angeles Kings vs Colorado Avalanche. (Live) CC
17 22.2 32 **Boxing** Caleb Plant vs. Vincent Feigenbutz. (Live)
50 **AHL Hockey** Grand Rapids Griffins at Chicago Wolves. (Live)
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Virginia at North Carolina. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Northern Iowa at Loyola-Chicago. (Live)

(TNT) **2020 NBA All-Star Saturday Night** Events include a skills challenge, three-point and slam dunk contests. (Live) CC
9:00 p.m. (Golf) **LPGA Tour Golf** ISPS Handa Australian Open, Final Round. (Live)
9:30 p.m. (Bigten) **College Wrestling** Minnesota at Iowa. (Live) CC
10:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Gonzaga at Pepperdine. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Washington at UCLA. Washington visits UCLA. (Live)
(FS1) **College Basketball** Colorado at Oregon State. (Live)
(NBCSCH) **NHL Hockey** Chicago Blackhawks at Calgary Flames. (Live) CC
12:00 a.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** UC Irvine at Hawaii. (Live)

Sunday

8:55 a.m. (ESPN2) **Italian Serie A Soccer** Juventus FC vs Brescia Calcio. (Live)
9:00 a.m. (NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** Aston Villa FC vs Tottenham Hotspur FC. (Live)
11:30 a.m. (NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** Arsenal FC vs Newcastle United FC. (Live)
12:00 p.m. (Bigten) **Women's College Basketball** Michigan at Rutgers. (Live) CC
12:30 p.m. 5 8 16 **NHL Hockey** Detroit Red Wings at Pittsburgh Penguins. (Live) CC
1:00 p.m. 2 3 22 **College Basketball** Indiana at Michigan. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Villanova at Temple. (Live)
(ESPN2) **Women's College Basketball** Florida State at Duke. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **Women's College Basketball** Iowa State at TCU. (Live)
(FS1) **College Basketball** Iowa at Minnesota. (Live) CC
(Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** The Genesis Invitational, Final Round. (Live)
2:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Wrestling** Purdue at Illinois. (Live) CC
(NBCSports) **College Basketball** Duquesne at Fordham. (Live)
2:30 p.m. 17 22.2 32 **2020 Daytona 500** (Live)
3:00 p.m. 2 3 22 **PGA Tour Golf** The Genesis Invitational, Final Round. (Live) CC
7 13 41 57 **XFL Football** Dallas Renegades at Los Angeles Wildcats. (Live)
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Memphis at Connecticut. (Live)
(ESPN2) **Women's College Basketball** Texas A&M at Tennessee. (Live)
(FS1) **Women's College Basketball** Kansas State at Oklahoma. (Live) CC
(Golf) **PGA Tour Champions Golf** Chubb Classic, Final Round. (Live)
(NBCSCH) **Women's College Basketball** Xavier at DePaul. (Live)
3:30 p.m. 5 8 16 **NHL Hockey** Boston Bruins at New York Rangers. (Live) CC
4:00 p.m. 50 **AHL Hockey** Cleveland Monsters at Chicago Wolves. (Live)
(Bigten) **College Wrestling** Michigan at Wisconsin. (Live) CC
5:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **Women's College Basketball** Mississippi State at Kentucky. (Live)
6:00 p.m. (FS1) **XFL Football** St. Louis BattleHawks at Houston Roughnecks. (Live) CC
(NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** St. Louis Blues at Nashville Predators. (Live)
7:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Softball** St. Pete Clearwater Elite Invitational — UCLA vs Florida State. (Live)

7:30 p.m. (Bigten) **Women's College Gymnastics** Nebraska at Minnesota. (Live) CC
8:00 p.m. (TBS) (TNT) **2020 NBA All-Star Game** Team LeBron vs Team Giannis. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) CC
8:30 p.m. (NBCSCH) **NHL Hockey** Chicago Blackhawks at Winnipeg Jets. (Live) CC
9:00 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** Utah at Oregon. (Live)

Monday

2:55 p.m. (NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** Chelsea FC vs Manchester United FC. (Live)
4:00 p.m. (NBCSCH) **NHL Hockey** Florida Panthers at San Jose Sharks. (Live)
6:30 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** Xavier at St. John's. (Live) CC
7:00 p.m. (Bigten) **Women's College Basketball** Minnesota at Michigan State. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **College Basketball** North Carolina at Notre Dame. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **College Hockey** Michigan vs Michigan State. From Little Caesars Arena in Detroit. (Live)
8:30 p.m. (FS1) **Women's College Basketball** West Virginia at Texas. (Live) CC
9:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Iowa State at Kansas. (Live)
(ESPN2) **Women's College Basketball** Oregon State at UCLA. (Live)

Tuesday

3:00 p.m. (TNT) **UEFA Champions League Soccer** Atletico Madrid vs Liverpool FC. Round of 16, 1st Leg. (Live) CC
6:30 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** Illinois at Penn State. (Live) CC
7:00 p.m. (ESPN) (ESPN2) **College Basketball** Teams TBA. (Live)
(NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** Toronto Maple Leafs at Pittsburgh Penguins. (Live)
7:30 p.m. (FoxDetroit) **NHL Hockey** Montreal Canadiens at Detroit Red Wings. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Northwestern at Maryland. (Live) CC
8:30 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** Creighton at Marquette. (Live) CC
9:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Kentucky at LSU. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Baylor at Oklahoma. (Live)

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Jordan, Wilkins reflect on memorable '88 dunk contest

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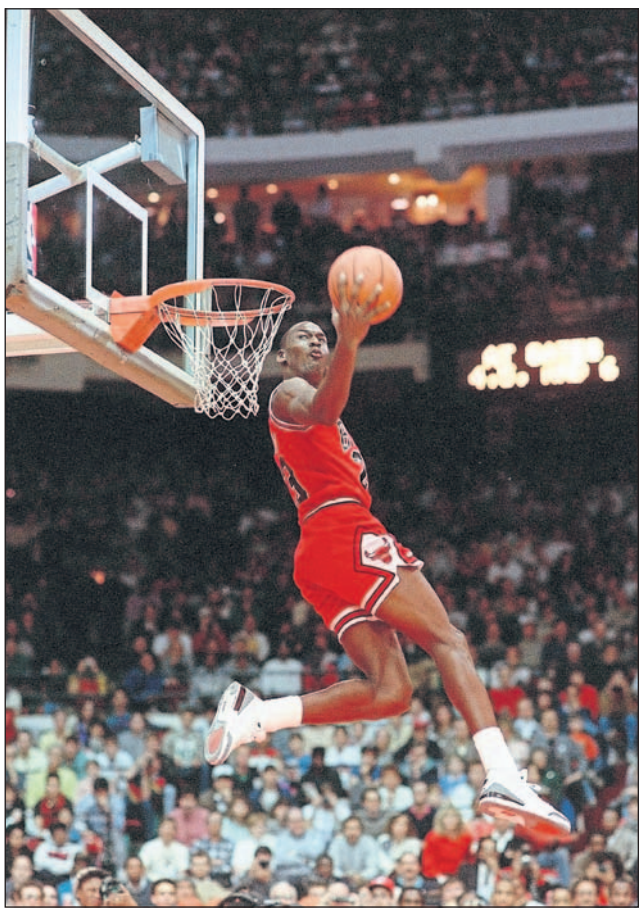

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In this Feb. 6, 1988, file photo, Chicago's Michael Jordan dunks during the slam-dunk competition of the NBA All-Star weekend in Chicago. Jordan left the old Chicago Stadium that night with the trophy. To this day, many believe Wilkins was the rightful winner.

CHICAGO — Michael Jordan and Dominique Wilkins have never talked to one another about the 1988 dunk contest.

They might be the only ones.

It is still the dunk contest by which all other dunk contests are measured: Two stars, at the peak of their powers, the players who finished first and second in that season's scoring standings, going head-to-head to decide a winner. Jordan left the old Chicago Stadium that night with the trophy. To this day, many believe Wilkins was the rightful winner. Either way, it was a never-to-be-forgotten show – and now, for the first time since that night 32 years ago, the dunk contest is returning to Chicago on Saturday night.

"I did have a homecourt advantage, yes," Jordan said this week in an interview with The Associated Press.

"The fans got their money's worth," Wilkins said in a separate interview with AP.

This season's dunk contest entrant – Orlando's Aaron Gordon, Miami's Derrick Jones Jr., the Los Angeles Lakers' Dwight Howard and Milwaukee's Pat Connaughton – will have quite a show to follow if what they do on Saturday is going to stand the test of time that the Jordan-Wilkins contest has.

To this day, Wilkins believes he should have won.

And to this day, he still tips his cap to what Jordan did that night.

"We were foes and we had some great battles, but he understood the moment," Wilkins said. "He understood what we did, you know? So, for us, there's no hard feelings. There's no animosity. We love the fact that they still talk about it because we knew what we brought."

None of this year's four dunk contest participants are All-Stars. It was different 32 years ago, when the dunk contest was being held for only the fourth time. Jordan was the MVP in 1988, Wilkins was sixth in that season's MVP voting, and they were the only players that season who averaged more than 30 points per game.

"It's a little bit different today. And it's probably much harder today because how many times can you do the same dunks over and over again?" Jordan said. "So, they are trying to create things that people haven't seen and that means jumping over people and cars and stuff like that. We didn't have to do that because we didn't have anything preceding us."

The 1988 field was stacked. Wilkins had won in 1985. Spud Webb won in 1986. Jordan won in 1987. They were all in the field, along with Greg Anderson, Clyde Drexler, Jerome Kersey and Otis Smith.

"My memories more so than anything was that I was representing Chicago," Jordan said. "I just wanted to represent them well. I wanted to win, don't get me wrong. But I also knew Dominique was an unbelievable dunker and very athletic and a human highlight film. So, I had to come up with certain things that are very special and unique."

Of course, it came down to Wilkins vs. Jordan. Three dunks each to decide the title. Both got a perfect score – 50 – on their first dunk in the final round. Wilkins got another 50 in the second round, with Jordan getting only a 47. That meant Wilkins, who was first to dunk in each round of the finals, needed only a 48 to clinch the win over Jordan.

Wilkins went with a two-handed windmill for his final dunk. The judges' score: 45. Drexler looked on in disbelief.

"I was surprised at his score," Jordan said.

The door was open for Jordan. He tried a dunk from the foul line and missed, but the rules allowed two chances per attempt. The second effort is the one replayed about a billion times since: He took off from just inside the foul line, pulled the ball back a bit before finishing off the slam, and got the perfect score of 50.

Final score: Jordan 147, Wilkins 145.

"The dunk contest, Nique got robbed," said Doc Rivers, the Los Angeles Clippers coach who that year was an All-Star representing Atlanta – Wilkins' team as well – in his hometown of Chicago. "But other than that, it was a perfect weekend."

The dunk contest has had its ups and downs since.

It went away for a couple of years. Fred Jones, a journeyman who played for five teams in seven seasons, was the 2004 champion. Jeremy Evans – he averaged 3.5 points per game in his career – won in 2012. The NBA tried a team concept with three guys representing each conference in 2014; it wasn't well received. Only the most ardent fan probably remembers that last year's winner was Hamidou Diallo.

There have been some stars: Kobe Bryant won in 1997 and Vince Carter prevailed in 2000, a win that still draws raves from Jordan.

Ex-MSU gymnastics coach convicted in case tied to Nassar

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — A jury on Friday convicted a former Michigan State University gymnastics coach of lying to police when she denied that two teen athletes told her of sexual abuse by sports doctor Larry Nassar in 1997, nearly 20 years before he was charged.

Kathie Klages, 65, was found guilty of a felony and a misdemeanor in a Lansing courthouse where Nassar was sentenced more than two years ago. Klages faces up to four years in prison at her April 15 sentencing.

She is the second person other than Nassar to be convicted of charges related to his serial molestation of young women and girls under the guise of medical treatment.

"I am glad that the enablers are being held accountable, and I hope that it's showing the world that we've got to do better," said Larissa Boyce, one of the women who testified against Klages. "Sexual assault needs to be taken seriously."

Klages, of Mason, resigned in 2017 after she was suspended for defending Nassar when the scandal first became public. Prosecutors said she lied in 2018 when she told investigators that Boyce and another girl, who were in a campus gymnastics program but not MSU gymnasts, had not reported Nassar's sexual misconduct to her.

The jury "got it wrong," defense attorney Mary Chartier said while she, family members and supporters consoled Klages as they left the courthouse. If the case had not involved Nassar, she said, Klages would never have been found guilty.

Klages testified that she did not remember being told about abuse. She said she was "shocked" when she first learned in 2017 that one of the teens said she had previously told Klages about Nassar, whom she considered a "very good friend, professionally."

"I have no recollection of the conversation," Klages said. Later, under cross-examination, she said: "I would think that I would remember something like that. I would think I would."

In closing statements, prosecutors said Klages lied.

"It's not believable that the defendant forgot about being told ... what happened to them," said Assistant Attorney General Bill Rolstin. "Kathie Klages should not be rewarded for her lies that she told you today, and she should not be rewarded for lies she told during the MSU investigation trying to get to the bottom of what happened with Larry Nassar."

The 12 jurors deliberated for about three hours.

Boyce testified that when she was 16 and training with the Spartan youth gymnastics team in 1997, she told Klages that Nassar had inappropriately touched her – long before the scandal emerged in 2016. But she said she backed off and even apologized after Klages warned her that any complaints about Nassar could cause trouble.

Another witness, who asked that her name not be used in news coverage, was 14 when she said she reported Nassar to Klages the same day as Boyce.

Chartier urged the jury to not "rely on the word of two teenage girls from 23 years ago" and noted that Klages sent her three children and a granddaughter to be treated by Nassar for years after she was allegedly told of his abuse.

MLB raises salaries for minor leaguers in 2021

By BEN WALKER and JAKE SEINER
AP Sports Writers

NEW YORK — Major League Baseball is raising the minimum salary for minor league players in 2021, according to a memo sent Friday from the commissioner's office to all 30 teams and obtained by The Associated Press.

Two years after successfully lobbying Congress to exempt minor leaguers from federal minimum wage laws, MLB opted to give those players a wage increase between 38 percent and 72 percent. The bump was discussed at last week's owners meetings and confirmed in the memo from Morgan Sword, executive vice president of baseball economics and operations.

Players at rookie and short-season levels will see their minimum weekly pay raised from $290 to $400, and players at Class A will go from $290 to $500. Double-A will jump from $350 to $600, and Triple-A from $502 to $700.

Minor leaguers are paid only during the season and don't receive wages during the offseason or spring training. That means Triple-A players can earn $14,000 during their five-month season, and short-season players at the lowest levels can make $4,800 during the three-month season.

"Much deserved," tweeted Ben Verlander, who played five minor league seasons and is the younger brother of Astros star Justin. "We'd put in 12 hours a day at the baseball field and all we ask for in return is a livable wage. Love this"

The raises come as MLB is negotiating with the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, the governing body of the minors, to replace the Professional Baseball Agreement that expires after the 2020 seasons.

MLB proposed cutting 42 of the 160 required affiliated teams during those negotiations, a plan criticized by small-town fans and politicians at the local and national level.

"MLB's priorities include reducing the travel burden on players and improving player working conditions," Sword wrote. "These and other objectives only can be achieved with agreement of the National Association, or absent an agreement, following the expiration of the current PBA in September. However, we can move forward unilaterally with our goal of improving compensation for minor league players."

Upon entering pro ball, the most talented players frequently get hundreds of thousands – even millions – of dollars in signing bonuses, but there are also players who sign for as little as $1,000. Paired with low salaries, the financial burden has prompted some players to use tattered equipment, accept charity from more fortunate teammates, or in the case of one player, to live out of a school bus.

"I think it'll keep guys mentally in it longer," said Arizona Diamondbacks pitcher Joe Mantiply, who has played six minor league seasons. "I know I've played with numerous guys that chose to go another way just because they felt like financially it wasn't worth it for them to stick it out."

BEARS

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"We just had a few kids that just couldn't buy a basket," St. Joseph coach Tracey Bloodworth said. "You're not going to win many games if you don't put the ball in the hole."

Mattawan (3-5, 7-10) led 17-14 at halftime, then took control in the third quarter with a 13-2 run. Abigail Owens hit two 3-pointers to start the run and finished with a team-high 10 points. St. Joseph never got closer than six the rest of the way.

"They're a good team," Bloodworth said. "They have a lot of very good players, they were smart, they didn't turn the ball over, and they knocked down shots when they needed to.

"At the end of the day, it's disappointing, but I think our kids played their butts off. If we'd have knocked down some shots it's a different game, but we didn't."

Cailynn Junk led St. Joseph with 12 points and 11 rebounds. Maya Hunter added nine points, and gave the Bears their only lead on a basket early in the second quarter that made it 11-10.

The loss drops St. Joseph into a tie atop the SMAC West with Portage Central (7-1, 14-2), which got a key victory over Niles on Friday. The Bears and Mustangs will play on Feb. 28 in a game likely to determine the division champion.

ST. JOSEPH 47, MATTAWAN 35

MATTAWAN (35)
Andrew McNulty 0 1-2 1, Parker Miller 0 1-2 1, Michael Lampos 4 0-2 8, Aidan Walsh 1 0-0 2, Jalen Jones 3 3-4 10, Thomas Martinic 2 0-2 5, Jacob Angel 3 0-0 6, Carson Foor 2 0-0 4. Totals: 14 5-12 35.
ST. JOSEPH (47)
Jeremiah Sterling 1 2-4 4, Luke Hedstrom 4 3-3 12, Joshua Terry 1 2-2 4, Nick Borre 2 3-6 7, Conner Wright 3 0-0 7, Andy Blomgren 1 0-0 2, Grant Hardy 1 0-0 3, Brennen Kerns 3 2-4 8. Totals: 16 12-21 47.

Mattawan	**6**	**8**	**5**	**16**	**— 35**
St. Joseph	**13**	**10**	**13**	**11**	**— 47**

3-point goals – Mattawan 2 (Jones, Martinic), St. Joseph 3 (Hedstrom, Wright, Hardy). Total fouls – Mattawan 17, St. Joseph 15. Fouled out – none. Technical foul – Jones (M). Rebounds – Mattawan 20 (Lampos 6), St. Joseph 33 (Hedstrom 8, Borre 7). Records – Mattawan 1-6 SMAC West, 2-13; St. Joseph 3-4, 5-10.

MATTAWAN 40, ST. JOSEPH 31

MATTAWAN (40)
McKenna Macon 1 0-0 3, Abigail Owens 4 0-3 10, Janelle Rupp 3 0-0 8, Natalie Martinic 0 1-2 1, Olivia Eubank 1 0-0 3, Meya Vines 1 3-6 5, Jakya Rimpson 0 1-2 1, Yasmin Pirbhai 0 1-2 1, Adelaide Douglass 4 0-3 8. Totals: 14 6-18 40.
ST. JOSEPH (31)
Avery Blomgren 0 1-2 1, Maya Hunter 4 0-0 9, Emma Inman 0 2-2 2, Eleah Hedstrom 1 0-0 2, Alex Malone 2 1-4 5, Cailynn Junk 6 0-0 12. Totals: 13 4-8 31.

Mattawan	**10**	**7**	**16**	**7**	**— 40**
St. Joseph	**9**	**5**	**11**	**6**	**— 31**

3-point goals – Mattawan 6 (Owens 2, Rupp 2, Macon, Eubank), St. Joseph 1 (Hunter). Total fouls – St. Joseph 12, Mattawan 10. Fouled out – none. Technical fouls – none. Rebounds – Mattawan 36 (Pirbhai 11, Douglass 9), St. Joseph 32 (Junk 11). Assists – Blomgren (SJ) 5.
Records – Mattawan 3-5 SMAC West, 7-10; St. Joseph 7-1, 11-6.

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St. Joseph's Alexandria Malone drives between Mattawan's Yasmin Pirbhai, left and Jakya Rimpson during Friday night's game.

LANCERS

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Northern turnovers that led to easy baskets on offense. The Huskies were held without a field goal for the final 4:40 of the game.

"I'm proud of the girls for fighting," Clark said. "Three games in a week is not normal for us. To be able to fight, dig in, and come away with a win was great. I'm really proud of our girls."

Lakeshore (2-6 SMAC West, 6-11) finished the week with a 3-0 record, the program's first three-game win streak since the 2016-17 season. Clark hopes Friday's comeback win will act as a confidence booster for his team going forward.

"That's what we've been preaching to these girls all year," Clark said. "We've got new players and new roles this year, so I think we've struggled with confidence both individually and as a team. Hopefully, they realize when they play hard and do the things we ask them to, they can make things happen. We hope to ride this wave into the last couple of weeks before districts and earn some confidence there, too."

On the boys side, the game was tight through the first three quarters of play. Leading 23-21 at halftime and 36-32 after three quarters, the Lancers had an aggressive mindset and attacked the basket.

"It was a very physical game," Schroeder said. "In the second half, we adjusted much better against their switching. We had a 38-point half and could've had more; honestly, we left some points on the board."

A JJ Bushu 3-point play gave the Lancers a 39-34 lead early in the fourth quarter as the Huskies suffered from foul trouble. Lakeshore went to the line early and often, finishing with a 21-5 advantage in free throw attempts in the second half.

The Lancers (6-1 SMAC West, 13-2) lead ballooned to as many as 17 late in the game as Anthony Tyus, A.J. Harris, and Nate Mason fouled out for the Huskies.

Bushu led all scorers with 16 points and Dylan Clem scored 13 points, while Ben Brower tallied 14 points and 10 rebounds.

"I thought JJ had a great second half," Schroeder said. "Dylan played well overall and Brower was solid tonight. We're getting good balance with our scoring."

Jeff Wilson led Portage Northern with 12 points.

LAKESHORE 41, PORT. NORTHERN 37

LAKESHORE (41)
Ella Jeske 5 1-2 13, Jayden Schmaltz 1 3-4 5, Sarah Moore 1 0-0 2, Morgan Tillman 2 1-2 5, Riley Pifer 2 0-1 5, Hollee Hercik 4 1-2 9, Shelby Grau 1 0-0 2. Totals: 16 6-11 41.
P NORTHERN (37)
Brooke Hagg 0 2-5 2, Jordan Wesaw 2 0-0 6, Cora Bigelow 0 1-2 1, Bayleigh Kamm 2 4-8 8, Allison French 6 1-4 14, Anna Fiebelkorn 1 0-0 3, McKenzie McDaniel 1 0-0 2, Addison Bobbio 0 1-2 1. Totals 12 9-21 37.

P Northern	**6**	**8**	**13**	**10**	**– 37**
Lakeshore	**8**	**7**	**8**	**18**	**– 41**

3-point goals – P Northern 4 (Wesaw 2, French, Fiebelkorn), Lakeshore 3 (Jeske 2, Pifer). Rebounds – P Northern 36 (Wesaw), Lakeshore 27 (Tillman 7, Hercik 7). Turnovers: Portage Northern 30, Lakeshore 15. Total fouls – Lakeshore 20, Portage Northern 12. Fouled out – None. Technical fouls – None.
Records – Lakeshore 2-6 SMAC West, 6-11; Portage Northern 0-8 SMAC West, 3-14.

LAKESHORE 59, PORT. NORTHERN 46

LAKESHORE (59)
JJ Bushu 6 4-8 16, Ben Brower 3 8-9 14, Dylan Clem 2 9-9 13, Ja'Kobe Young 2 0-0 4, Jonathan Worsham 1 0-0 2, Grant Ruddell 1 0-2 2, Joey Lake 1 0-0 2, Riley Adams 0 2-2 2, Landen Thompson 1 0-0 2, Gavin Foster 1 0-0 2. Totals: 18-40 23-30 59.
P NORTHERN (46)
Jeff Wilson 5 2-2 12, Kareem Williams 3 0-0 8, Nate Mason 3 0-0 7, Anthony Tyus III 3 0-1 6, Tyler Amos 1 2-2 4, Jaleel Williams 1 0-0 3, A.J. Harris 1 0-0 2, Cesar Campos 1 0-0 2, Jace Whitley 1 0-0 2. Totals 19 4-5 46.

P Northern	**12**	**9**	**11**	**14**	**– 46**
Lakeshore	**11**	**12**	**13**	**23**	**– 59**

3-point goals – P Northern 4 (K. Williams 2, J. Williams, Mason), Lakeshore 0. Rebounds – Lakeshore 32 Brower 10, P Northern 18 (Mason 6). Total fouls – P Northern 26, Lakeshore 12. Fouled out – P Northern 3 (Tyus III, Harris, Mason).
Records – Lakeshore 6-1 SMAC, 13-2; P Northern 3-4 SMAC West, 7-7.

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BEES

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Bridgman then answered with an 8-0 run of its own for a 36-31 edge heading into the fourth, thanks to back-to-back threes by Blesy and Jayce Warren to end the third.

"We just quick rebounding after our run, but that's been our problem all season," said Berrien Springs coach Karl Finley. "We're very young and not very tall. We just give up too many second chance points."

The fourth quarter, like the first, was all Bridgman, as the Bees outpointed the 'Rocks 21-14.

Besides Adams' effort, Blesy chipped in 14 points thanks to three treys, and Warren added 13 as the Bees shot 38 percent (20 of 52) from the floor despite a woeful 3-of-20 effort in the middle two quarters.

Byron Tate led the Shamrocks with 15 points, and Jackson Glanzer chipped in 11. Berrien shot 44 percent (20 of 45) from the floor.

Turnovers were nearly even.

BRIDGMAN 57, BERRIEN SPRINGS 45

BRIDGMAN (57)
Jackson Schmaltz 2 4-6 8, Jaayce Warren 5 1-2 13, Hunter Adams 6 3-5 15, Donnie Necas 1 0-0 2, Henry Branch 1 2-2 5, Luke Blesy 5 1-3 14. Totals: 20 11-22 57.
BERRIEN SPRINGS (45)
Zeb Bodtke 0 1-2 1, Jackson Glanzer 5 0-0 11, Byron Tate 7 0-0 15, Marshall McFarland 2 0-0 4, Jamal Hailey 3 0-0 6, Josiah Pittman 1 0-0 2, James York 1 1-1 3, Lucas Rindfield 1 0-0 3. Totals: 20 2-3 45.

Bridgman	**22**	**2**	**12**	**21**	**- 57**
B. Springs	**10**	**9**	**12**	**14**	**- 45**

3-point goals – Bridgman 6 (Blesy 3, Warren 2, Branch). B.Springs 3 (Glanzer, Tate, Rinefiield). Total fouls – Bridgman 9, B. Springs 15. Fouled out – None. Technicals – None.
JV score – Bridgman 71, Berrien Springs 41
Records – Bridgman 4-2 BCS Red, 10-4; Berrien Springs 0-7 Red, 4-9.

Ron DeKett / HP correspondent

Berrien Springs' Jamal Hailey goes up for a basket against Bridgman during Friday's game.

Kuchar leads by 2 at Riviera; Woods 9 shots back

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

LOS ANGELES — Matt Kuchar made a mess of the easiest hole at Riviera. He couldn't find the fairway and felt he was on the defensive all afternoon Friday in the Genesis Invitational.

He was good enough with the short irons that Kuchar still managed a 2-under 69 and built a two-shot lead over Rory McIlroy and two others going into the weekend at Riviera.

"It definitely wasn't my best stuff today," Kuchar said. "Two under was an awfully good score for the way I drove it."

Tiger Woods happily would have taken a score like that. Instead, he made his bid for a first victory at Riviera and a record 83rd title on the PGA Tour a lot tougher. Two swings with a wedge wound up costing Woods three shots, and his 73 left him nine shots behind.

He can't afford any more mistakes, not with 44 players ahead of him, including past champions like Adam Scott and Dustin Johnson, and players who would desperately like to add their name to the list of winners at this historic club.

McIlroy, in his return to No. 1 in the world, handled the par 5s and kept mistakes to a minimum in his round of 67, which puts him in the final group Saturday with Kuchar and Harold Varner III, who had a 68 in the morning.

Kuchar was at 9-under 135. He began with a bogey on the par-5 opening hole, one of only two players in the 121-man field to not make par or better. Kuchar went long of the green, took two chips to get on the green and missed a 15-foot par putt.

"You feel like you've already given up two shots on the day. Never a fun way to start," Kuchar said. "But knowing there's 17 holes to go, there's still room to figure it out."

Wyndham Clark had a 68 and joined McIlroy and Varner in the group two shots behind.

Scott has a trophy from Riviera, just not an official victory. He won in 2005 when there was so much rain the tournament was reduced to 36 holes, and he won in a playoff Monday.

He returned from a two-month break with a 7-under 64 that left him three shots behind.

Woods started well enough with a smart choice to hit iron on the reachable par-4 10th because of the back right pin position, a wedge into about 12 feet and a birdie. And he was never in too much trouble. The 15th hole did not appear to present any problems, especially after Woods crushed a 335-yard drive to the middle of the fairway.

He hung his head immediately after a chunked pitching wedge that plugged into the bunker short of the green, leaving no shot to a front pin. He blasted that through the green, chipped back to 7 feet and missed putt for double bogey.

"I just hit it fat," he said. "Honestly, I was just trying to cut a little wedge in there and get it up in the air."

After two birdies on the par 5s around the turn — Nos. 17 and 1 — Woods gave away another shot with sand wedge from light rough into the front bunker on No. 3 for bogey. He bogeyed the par-3 fourth, and then he three-putted from about 50 feet up the slope on the par-3 sixth.

High school scoreboard

By HP STAFF

GIRLS BASKETBALL

LAKE MICHIGAN CATHOLIC 45, COUNTRYSIDE 10

LM CATHOLIC (45)
Elena Proos 2 0-0 4, Holly Starr 0 2-2 2, Claire LaSata 4 1-2 11, Maggie Tidey 3 5-8 12, Emily Lage 5 1-4 11, Leah Brucal 0 1-3 1, Chloe Mills 2 0-0 4. Totals: 16 10-19 45.
COUNTRYSIDE (10)
Carolyn Deneau 2 0-0 4, Yneisha Washington 1 0-4 2, Carolina Pullen 1 0-2 2, Celina Robinson 1 0-2 2. Totals: 5 0-8 10.

L	15	15	2	13	—	45
C	2	4	4	0	—	10

3-point goals – LM Catholic 3 (LaSata 2, Tidey), Countryside 0.
Records – LM Catholic 8-4 BCS White, 10-6 ; Countryside 2-10, 2-10.

PORTAGE CENTRAL 36, NILES 31

NILES (31)
Davies 0 1-2 1, Palmer 4 5-6 14, A. Patterson 4 3-6 12, Rauch 1 2-6 4. Totals: 9 11-20 31.
P CENTRAL (36)
Hoff 2 4-4 8, McDaid 2 0-0 4, Long 2 7-8 13, Boughton 1 2-2 4, Brown 2 2-3 7. Totals: 9 15-17 36.

N	4	7	9	11	—	31
PC	11	4	9	12	—	36

3-point goals – Niles 2 (Palmer, A. Patterson), Portage Central 3 (Long 2, Brown). Total fouls – Niles 17, P Central 16.
Records – Niles 5-3 SMAC West, 8-8 ; P Central 7-1, 14-2.

BUCHANAN 52, PARCHMENT 30

PARCHMENT (30)
Hvidkjaer 0 0-2 0, Knapp 1 0-0 3, Fernandez 0 3-3 3, Maxey 4 0-0 9, leckie 1 0-0 2, Millers 3 1-2 7, Wacbowski 1 0-0 2, Buytadorp 1 0-0 3, Dreier 0 1-2 1. Totals: 11 5-9 30.
BUCHANAN (52)
Hailey Ianatzke 2 0-0 4, Jillian McKewn 1 4-4 6, Claire Lietz 4 1-4 9, Claire Shelton 1 0-0 3, Sophia Lozmack 0 0-2 0, Alea Fisher 2 0-0 4, Brook Altkinson 9 304 3, Lacua Matuskevskii 1 0-0 2, Alexa Burns 1 2-2 4, Faith Carson 7 3-5 17. Totals: 19 13-21 52.

P	7	5	9	9	—	30
B	18	12	11	10	—	52

3-point goals – Buchanan 1 (Shelton), Parchment 3 (Knapp, Maxey, Buytadorp). Total fouls – Buchanan 10, Parchment 16. Fouled out – none.
Records – Buchanan 6-1 BCS Red, 12-4 ; Parchment 0-8, 0-17.

HARTFORD 48, MENDON 25

Hartford scoring — Megan Nelson 13, Jaelyne Galvan 11, Alexis Snodgrass.
Records – Hartford 7-6 Southwest 10, 9-6 ; Mendon 1-10, 2-10.
Complete results unavailable.

BOYS BASKETBALL

BLOOMINGDALE 76, EAU CLAIRE 66

EAU CLAIRE (66)
K. Taylor 4 0-0 8, J. Gomez 2 0-0 4, M. Hackney 4 1-2 9, D. Holmes 2 2-2 6, T. Murphy 4 2-6 10, D. Travis 7 7-10 21, D. Evans 3 0-0 6, M. Moore 0 0-2 0. Totals: 26 12-22 66.
BLOOMINGDALE (76)
M. Manning 3 0-2 8, P. Manning 1 0-1 2, Soubh 1 0-0 2, Starbuck 13 4-8 31, Fisher 3 4-4 10, Boger 5 4-7 15, Stamps 1 0-1 2, Gumpert 1 0-0 2. Totals: 28 12-23 76,

EC	6	10	19	29	—	66
B	25	12	20	19	—	76

3-point goals – Eau Claire 0, Bloomingdale 4 (M. Manning 2, Starbuck, Boger).
Records – Eau Claire 7-6 Southwest 10, 8-7 ; Bloomingdale 10-3, 12-3.

PORTAGE CENTRAL 66, NILES 43

N	6	8	13	16	—	43
PC	14	25	9	18	—	66

Records – Niles 1-6 SMAC West, 2-13 ; P Central 7-0, 13-1.
Complete results unavailable.

COUNTRYSIDE 50, LAKE MICHIGAN CATHOLIC 40

LM Catholic scoring — Max Allen 4, Nathaniel Green 3, Jacob Koenig 9, Matt Rochefort 5, Jake Jozwiak 10, Andrew Conklin 4, Charles LaSata 3, Jonathan Jolly 2.
Countryside scoring – Charles Booker 15, Jamarion Gordon 5, Jamere Matlock 9, Sam Rollins 2, Elisha Smith 3, Brandon Buchanan 5, Terrance Allen 8, Jeffery Brown 3.
Records – Lake Michigan Catholic 2-10 BCS White, 2-11 ; Countryside 6-5, 6-7.
Complete results unavailable.

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

LAKESHORE LANES
DAVE DREESE MEMORIAL – Mark Pullins 822 (298), Dave Matheny 751 (290), Jon Utter 739 (267), Jerry Knowles 719 (268), Kevin Narregan 713 (246), Billy Hendrixson 698 (248), Bob Utter 645 (235), Bill Cox 627 (219). Team score – Maximum Mold 2915 (994).
STARLIGHTERS – Men: Jeremy Gitchell 654 (256), Kevin Huebner 610 (215), Tom Wise 596 (214). Women: Suzy Guzicki 598 (214), Gina Gitchell 565, Melanee Mangold 509. Team score – It's Legal 1206 (429).
KELLEY'S BOWL
MILLER LADIES – Alanna Swetay 592 (216), Dianna Evans 582 (213), Pam Head 579 (215), Starla Swetay 571 (235), Diana Nash 519 (201), Linda Dockham 510. Team score – Swetay/Swetay 1163 (450).
EMIL SCHRAMM MEMORIAL – Nathan Doroh 736 (299), Kevin Narregan 730 (257), Dan Zimmerman 709 (254), Matt Hendrixson 706 (267), Ron Edwards II 705 (256), Billy Hendrixson 703 (268), Dave Steele 702 (259), JR Metz 691, Mike Milnickel 678 (255), Mark Weir 675, Neil Vitale 670. Team scoer – B+L Rentals 3429 (1194).

AREA SCHEDULE

Today
Boys basketball
New Buffalo at Bridgman, 6
Boys swimming
MISCA meet at Eastern Michigan
Competitive cheer
Berrien Springs, Bridgman, Lake Michigan Catholic, Lawrence at Buchanan, 10

Monday
Boys basketball
Brandywine at River Valley, 7:30
Girls basketball
Brandywine at River Valley, 6
Bridgman at Lake Michigan Catholic, 7:30
Competitive cheer
Buchanan, Dowagiac at St. Joseph Cheer By The Pier, 6

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Friday's boys scores
Adrian Madison 61, Ottawa Lake Whiteford 44
Allendale 87, Sparta 41
Alma 69, Birch Run 46
Alpena 63, Gaylord 54
Ann Arbor Pioneer 57, Bedford 40
Ann Arbor Skyline 53, Ann Arbor Huron 40
Baldwin 75, Walkerville 38
Bath 63, Portland St. Patrick 48
Battle Creek Harper Creek 54, Hastings 52
Battle Creek Pennfield 60, Marshall 55
Battle Creek St. Philip 70, Climax-Scotts 56
Bay City John Glenn 37, Midland 32
Bayfield, Wis. 64, Ironwood City Gogebic Michigan 55
Beaverton 69, Pinconning 32
Bellevue 81, Colon 36
Benzie Central 71, Buckley 52
Big Rapids 66, Newaygo 35
Bloomfield Hills Roeper 55, Whitmore Lake 48
Bloomingdale 76, Eau Claire 65
Boyne City 74, East Jordan 46
Breckenridge 63, Blanchard Montabella 55
Brethren 85, Big Rapids Crossroads Charter Academy 45
Bridgeport 84, Freeland 39
Bridgman 57, Berrien Springs 45
Brownstown Woodhaven 85, Dearborn Edsel Ford 66
Buchanan 61, Parchment 53
Burton Bentley 72, Burton Atherton 69
Byron Center 58, Holland Christian 51
Cadillac 54, Traverse City West 46
Calhoun Christian 62, Marshall 40
Calhoun Christian 62, Marshall Academy 40
Calumet 55, West Iron County 49
Carrollton 68, Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary 58
Carson City-Crystal 37, Merrill 19
Cedar Springs 56, Wyoming Potter's House Christian 44
Centreville 60, Marcellus 50
Charlevoix 55, Elk Rapids 36
Clarkston Everest Collegiate 67, Allen Park Cabrini 42
Clawson 36, Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest 29
Clinton 61, Sand Creek 45
Clio 53, Corunna 49
Coldwater 63, Parma Western 51
Coloma 65, Saugatuck 48
Croswell-Lexington 69, Imlay City 34
Crystal Falls Forest Park 61, Eben Junction Superior Central 58
DeWitt 77, Lansing Everett 73, OT
Dearborn 86, Livonia Churchill 67
Dearborn Divine Child 58, Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 51
Detroit Edison(DEPSA) 76, Detroit University Prep 53
Detroit Jalen Rose 75, Taylor Prep 57
Detroit U-D Jesuit 57, Warren De La Salle 50
Dollar Bay 68, Ontonagon 50
Durand 66, Byron 54
East Grand Rapids 58, Wayland Union 52
East Jackson 65, Addison 47
East Lansing 64, Holt 57
Eaton Rapids 66, Charlotte 34
Ecorse 67, Detroit University Science 55
Engadine 73, DeTour 66
Escanaba 73, Rapid River 41
Essexville Garber 60, Standish-Sterling 51
Fairview 49, AuGres-Sims 46
Fennville 69, Gobles 48
Fife Lake Forest Area 46, Bellaire 36
Flat Rock 49, Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central 39
Flint Carman-Ainsworth 67, Lapeer 49
Flushing 48, Holly 44
Frankenmuth 53, Saginaw Swan Valley 44
Fulton-Middleton 60, Dansville 56
Gabriel Richard Catholic 52, Royal Oak Shrine 37
Gaylord St. Mary 72, Onaway 39
Gibraltar Carlson 73, Trenton 59
Gladwin 69, Farwell 65
Goodrich 61, Ortonville Brandon 51
Grand Haven 59, Rockford 58
Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central 61, Lowell 36
Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills 65, Muskegon Mona Shores 44
Grand Rapids Northview 61, Greenville 28
Grand Rapids South Christian 70, Grand Rapids Covenant Christian 64
Grandville Calvin Christian 86, Belding 56
Hamilton 55, Zeeland East 46
Hannahville Indian 64, Ojibwe Charter 46
Hanover-Horton 57, Grass Lake 44
Harbor Springs 65, Kalkaska 57
Hartford 64, Mendon 60
Hartland 58, Canton 53
Haslett 78, Fowlerville 70
Hemlock 46, Saginaw Nouvel 38
Hillsdale Academy 81, Jackson Christian 37
Hillsdale Will Carleton Academy 43, Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner 40
Holton 65, White Cloud 49
Houghton 81, Hancock 62
Hudsonville 76, East Kentwood 56
Hudsonville Unity Christian 57, Grand Rapids NorthPointe Christian 53
Indian River-Inland Lakes 66, Mancelona 52
Iron Mountain 84, Gwinn 51
Jackson Northwest 55, Jackson Lumen Christi 43
Johannesburg-Lewiston 64, Central Lake 30
Jonesville 62, Concord 46
Kingsley 67, Leland 57
Kingston 55, Dryden 30
L'Anse 54, Lake Linden-Hubbell 47
Laingsburg 76, Potterville 74
Lake Fenton 57, Owosso 55
Lake Orion 48, Birmingham Seaholm 37
Lansing Catholic 82, Portland 55
Lansing Eastern 57, Williamston 50
Lansing Sexton 60, Ionia 57
Leslie 56, Lansing Christian 40
Lincoln-Alcona 40, Rogers City 30
Linden 80, Swartz Creek 65
Litchfield 52, Burr Oak 39
Livonia Stevenson 62, Livonia Franklin 46
Ludington 57, Manistee 33
Madison Heights Bishop Foley 55, Marine City Cardinal Mooney 46
Maple City Glen Lake 69, Onekama 25
Marion 44, Manistee Catholic Central 38
Mason 52, St. Johns 30
Memphis 53, Marlette 39
Midland Bullock Creek 70, Saginaw Valley Lutheran 52
Milford 40, Walled Lake Central 32
Morenci 61, Britton-Deerfield 51
Morley-Stanwood 59, Kent City 51
Mount Pleasant 64, Saginaw Heritage 51
Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart 71, Coleman 53
Muskegon 64, Muskegon Reeths-Puffer 55
Napoleon 69, Vandercook Lake Jackson 58
Negaunee 76, Ishpeming 46
New Boston Huron 47, Monroe Jefferson 34
New Lothrop 48, Mount Morris 28
Novi Christian 66, Livonia Clarenceville 58
Ojibwe Charter 64, Hannahville Indian 46
Okemos 60, Lansing Waverly 41
Orchard Lake St. Mary's 61, Birmingham Brother Rice 42
Oscoda 97, Whittemore-Prescott 45
Otsego 81, Plainwell 57
Paw Paw 64, Allegan 50
Pentwater 49, Bear Lake 41
Perry 67, Vermontville Maple Valley 37
Petersburg Summerfield 47, Erie-Mason 33
Pewamo-Westphalia 67, Saranac 14
Pickford 71, Brimley 67, OT
Pinckney 39, Adrian 31
Plymouth 61, Northville 53
Pontiac 46, Rochester 42
Quincy 72, Homer 58
Reading 60, Union City 34
Redford Thurston 51, Dearborn Heights Crestwood 40
Reed City 65, Howard City Tri-County 53
Reese 75, Elkton-Pigeon Bay Port Laker 47
Rochester Adams 57, Oxford 29
Rochester Hills Christian School 74, Midland Calvary Baptist 57
Romulus 50, Redford Union 37
Saline 68, Monroe 44
Sanford-Meridian 56, Clare 51
Sault Ste Marie 62, Rudyard 50
Schoolcraft 75, Kalamazoo Christian 39
Shepherd 61, Harrison 34
South Lyon East 41, Walled Lake Western 29
Southfield Christian 81, Auburn Hills Oakland Christian 24
Springport 54, Bronson 33
St. Ignace LaSalle 55, Cedarville 53
St. Louis 52, Millington 45
Stanton Central Montcalm 65, Fremont 59
Stevensville Lakeshore 59, Portage Northern 46
Stockbridge 41, Olivet 35
Suttons Bay 44, Frankfort 38
Tawas 62, Mio-Au Sable 56
Taylor 45, Allen Park 34
Traverse City Central 48, Petoskey 43
Troy 74, Farmington 72
Unionville-Sebewaing 56, Caro 44
Utica Ford 59, Sterling Heights 39
Vestaburg 65, Ashley 53
Wayne Memorial 46, Dearborn Fordson 28
Westwood 66, Manistique 65
Wolverine 59, Alanson 53
Wyandotte Roosevelt 56, Lincoln Park 43
Wyoming 62, Grand Rapids Christian 61
Wyoming Tri-unity Christian 60, Holland Calvary 55
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Ypsilanti Lincoln 68, Dexter 45
Zeeland West 59, Holland 48
Detroit Public School league Tournament=
Championship=
Detroit Cass Tech 66, Detroit Douglass 41
Friday's girls scores
Adrian Lenawee Christian 61, Tol. Christian, Ohio 48
Allegan 46, Paw Paw 36
Allendale 42, Sparta 32
Ann Arbor Huron 55, Ann Arbor Skyline 46
Auburn Hills Avondale 67, Troy 37
Battle Creek Central 55, Richland Gull Lake 29
Battle Creek Harper Creek 58, Hastings 21
Bedford 40, Ann Arbor Pioneer 33
Berkley 52, Pontiac 9
Big Rapids 30, Newaygo 29
Birmingham Seaholm 50, Farmington 40
Boyne City 41, East Jordan 37
Brighton 58, Novi 21
Brownstown Woodhaven 57, Dearborn Edsel Ford 28
Buchanan 52, Parchment 30
Burton Bentley 49, Burton Atherton 18
Byron 66, Durand 17
Byron Center 53, Holland Christian 41
Caro 58, Unionville-Sebewaing 38
Centreville 40, Marcellus 26
Charlevoix 36, Elk Rapids 22
Comstock Park 71, Spring Lake 69
Concord 48, Jonesville 35
Cooks Big Bay de Noc 38, Mackinac Island 30
Corunna 52, Clio 24
DeWitt 64, Lansing Everett 24
Dearborn 53, Livonia Churchill 35
East Grand Rapids 72, Wayland Union 36
East Kentwood 53, Hudsonville 46
East Lansing 71, Holt 30
Eaton Rapids 40, Charlotte 29
Erie-Mason 54, Hudson 22
Evart 65, Houghton Lake 62
Fairview 50, AuGres-Sims 16
Fenton 53, Flint Kearsley 48, OT
Flushing 47, Holly 23
Frankenmuth 47, Saginaw Swan Valley 41
Fremont 43, Stanton Central Montcalm 38
Garden City 38, Dearborn Heights Robichaud 24
Gobles 62, Fennville 37
Goodrich 54, Ortonville Brandon 32
Grand Blanc 34, Flint Powers 33
Grand Rapids Catholic Central 45, Coopersville 20
Grand Rapids Christian 57, Wyoming 39
Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central 43, Lowell 28
Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern 62, Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills 22
Grand Rapids South Christian 61, Grand Rapids Covenant Christian 51
Grand River Prep 46, West Michigan Aviation 30
Grandville Calvin Christian 51, Belding 30
Grant 54, Remus Chippewa Hills 29
Greenville 26, Grand Rapids Northview 24
Hamilton 48, Zeeland East 33
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Harper Woods 46, Hamtramck 39
Hart 51, North Muskegon 38
Hartland 59, Canton 13
Haslett 55, Fowlerville 24
Hemlock 46, Saginaw Nouvel 39
Hillsdale Will Carleton Academy 36, Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner 21
Holland Black River 47, Wyoming Potter's House Christian 29
Holland West Ottawa 53, Grandville 27
Hopkins 49, Kelloggsville 33
Howard City Tri-County 57, Reed City 54
Howell 60, Salem 27
Hudsonville Unity Christian 49, Grand Rapids NorthPointe Christian 37
Imlay City 52, Croswell-Lexington 34
Ionia 75, Lansing Sexton 20
Ithaca 37, St. Charles 22
Jackson 52, Tecumseh 47
Jackson Northwest 58, Jackson Lumen Christi 37
Jenison 60, Grand Rapids Union 31
Kalamazoo Christian 54, Schoolcraft 45
Kalamazoo Hackett 34, Galesburg-Augusta 18
Kalkaska 58, Harbor Springs 26
Kent City 42, Morley-Stanwood 30
Lake City 63, McBain Northern Michigan Christian 29
Lakeview 62, Kalamazoo Central 50
Lansing Catholic 47, Portland 43, OT
Lansing Christian 52, Leslie 42
Lansing Waverly 50, Okemos 46
Leroy Pine River 50, Beal City 38
Lincoln Park 63, Wyandotte Roosevelt 57
Livonia Stevenson 48, Livonia Franklin 33
Ludington 53, Manistee 20
Manton 75, Roscommon 33
Marquette 52, Kingsford 32
Marshall 54, Battle Creek Pennfield 21
Mattawan 40, St. Joseph 31
Middleville Thornapple Kellogg 38, Ada Forest Hills Eastern 36
Mio-Au Sable 49, Whittemore-Prescott 44
Montague 61, Shelby 41
Morrice 60, Webberville 15
Muskegon Mona Shores 52, Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills 11
Muskegon Reeths-Puffer 60, Muskegon 41
New Lothrop 68, Mount Morris 23
North Branch 44, Algonac 42
North Farmington 39, Lake Orion 29
Ojibwe Charter 61, Hannahville Indian 34
Onsted 50, Hillsdale 13
Parma Western 49, Coldwater 39
Perry 52, Vermontville Maple Valley 35
Plainwell 39, Otsego 32
Plymouth 43, Northville 30
Portage Central 36, Niles 31
Quincy 36, Homer 17
Reading 49, Union City 33
Rochester 44, Ferndale 27
Rochester Adams 53, Oxford 45
Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest 53, Detroit Country Day 13
Rockford 48, Grand Haven 38
Romulus 58, Redford Union 18
Royal Oak 33, Rochester Hills Stoney Creek 23
Saginaw Heritage 46, Mount Pleasant 30
Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary 61, Carrollton 18
Saginaw Valley Lutheran 61, Midland Bullock Creek 37
Saugatuck 56, Coloma 18
South Lyon East 71, Walled Lake Western 52
Southfield A&T 51, Bloomfield Hills 39
Southfield Christian 53, Auburn Hills Oakland Christian 36
Springport 54, Bronson 33
St. Johns 38, Mason 21
Standish-Sterling 60, Essexville Garber 50
Stevensville Lakeshore 41, Portage Northern 37
Stockbridge 47, Olivet 34
Swartz Creek 47, Linden 36
Taylor 45, Allen Park 34
Trenton 44, Gibraltar Carlson 30
Vicksburg 47, Dowagiac Union 23
Walled Lake Central 42, Milford 24
Wayne Memorial 73, Dearborn Fordson 43
West Bloomfield 58, Clarkston 43
Westland John Glenn 51, Belleville, Wis. 45
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Westwood 66, Manistique 35
White Pigeon 38, Cassopolis 37
Whitmore Lake 72, Bloomfield Hills Roeper 40
Williamston 67, Lansing Eastern 15
Wolverine 81, Alanson 16
Wyoming Godwin Heights 55, Wyoming Lee 13
Zeeland West 46, Holland 15
Zion Christian 40, Grand Rapids Wellspring 25
Catholic School League Bishop Bracket
First Round
Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 41, Warren Regina 23
Dearborn Divine Child 57, Macomb Lutheran North 23
Detroit Public School League Tournament
Championship
Detroit Renaissance 81, Detroit Cass Tech 55
MAC Tournament
Silver/Bronze Division Quarterfinal
St. Clair Shores South Lake 47, Hazel Park 41
Union College Tournament
Andrews Academy 42, Gem State Adventist, Idaho 7

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Standings through Thursday games

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Louisville	12	2	.857	21	4	.840
Duke	11	2	.846	21	3	.875
Florida St.	10	3	.769	20	4	.833
Virginia	8	5	.615	16	7	.696
NC State	7	6	.538	16	8	.667
Syracuse	7	6	.538	14	10	.583
Notre Dame	6	7	.462	15	9	.625
Pittsburgh	6	8	.429	15	10	.600
Clemson	6	8	.429	12	12	.500
Boston College	6	8	.429	12	13	.480
Georgia Tech	6	8	.429	12	13	.480
Virginia Tech	5	8	.385	14	10	.583
Miami	4	10	.286	12	12	.500
Wake Forest	4	10	.286	11	13	.458
North Carolina	3	10	.231	10	14	.417

Saturday's Games
Syracuse at Florida St., Noon
Wake Forest at Miami, 2 p.m.
Louisville at Clemson, 4 p.m.
Notre Dame at Duke, 4 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Virginia Tech, 6 p.m.
Virginia at North Carolina, 8 p.m.
Sunday's Games
NC State at Boston College, 6 p.m.

BIG TEN CONFERENCE

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Maryland	10	3	.769	20	4	.833
Penn St.	9	4	.692	19	5	.792
Michigan St.	9	5	.643	17	8	.680
Illinois	8	5	.615	16	8	.667
Iowa	8	6	.571	17	8	.680
Rutgers	8	6	.571	17	8	.680
Wisconsin	7	6	.538	14	10	.583
Purdue	7	7	.500	14	11	.560
Indiana	6	7	.462	16	8	.667
Ohio St.	6	7	.462	16	8	.667
Michigan	6	7	.462	15	9	.625
Minnesota	6	7	.462	12	11	.522
Nebraska	2	11	.154	7	17	.292
Northwestern	1	12	.077	6	17	.261

Thursday's Game
Indiana 89, Iowa 77
Saturday's Games
Purdue at Ohio St., Noon
Northwestern at Penn St., Noon
Wisconsin at Nebraska, 2:15 p.m.
Illinois at Rutgers, 4:30 p.m.
Maryland at Michigan St., 6 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Indiana at Michigan, 1 p.m.
Iowa at Minnesota, 1 p.m.

HORIZON LEAGUE

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Wright St.	11	2	.846	21	5	.808
N. Kentucky	10	3	.769	18	7	.720
Youngstown St.	8	5	.615	15	11	.577
Milwaukee	7	6	.538	12	13	.480
Green Bay	7	6	.538	12	14	.462
Ill.-Chicago	7	6	.538	12	14	.462
Cleveland St.	5	8	.385	9	17	.346
Oakland	4	9	.308	9	17	.346
Detroit	4	9	.308	6	20	.231
IUPUI	2	11	.154	6	20	.231

Thursday's Games
Youngstown St. 76, Detroit 72
Oakland 79, Cleveland St. 74
Friday's Games
IUPUI at N. Kentucky
Ill.-Chicago at Wright St.
Saturday's Games
Cleveland St. at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Youngstown St. at Oakland, 3 p.m.
Green Bay at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Ill.-Chicago at N. Kentucky, 2 p.m.
IUPUI at Wright St., 2 p.m.

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Bowling Green	9	3	.750	18	7	.720
Akron	8	3	.727	18	6	.750
N. Illinois	8	4	.667	15	10	.600
Ball St.	7	4	.636	14	10	.583
Cent. Michigan	6	4	.600	13	10	.565
Kent St.	6	5	.545	16	8	.667
Buffalo	6	5	.545	15	9	.625
Ohio	4	7	.364	12	12	.500
W. Michigan	4	7	.364	11	13	.458
Toledo	4	8	.333	12	13	.480
E. Michigan	3	8	.273	13	11	.542
Miami (Ohio)	2	9	.182	9	15	.375

Friday's Games
Buffalo at Toledo
Akron at Cent. Michigan
Saturday's Games
W. Michigan at E. Michigan, Noon
Bowling Green at Ball St., 1 p.m.
Ohio at Kent St., 1 p.m.
N. Illinois at Miami (Ohio), 3:30 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	40	15	.727	—
Boston	38	16	.704	1½
Phila.	34	21	.618	6
Brooklyn	25	28	.472	14
New York	17	38	.309	23
Southeast Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	35	19	.648	—
Orlando	24	31	.436	11½
Washington	20	33	.377	14½
Charlotte	18	36	.333	17
Atlanta	15	41	.268	21
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	46	8	.852	—
Indiana	32	23	.582	14½
Chicago	19	36	.345	27½
Detroit	19	38	.333	28½
Cleveland	14	40	.259	32

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	34	20	.630	—
Dallas	33	22	.600	1½
Memphis	28	26	.519	6
San Antonio	23	31	.426	11
New Orleans	23	32	.418	11½
Northwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	38	17	.691	—
Utah	36	18	.667	1½
Oklahoma City	33	22	.600	5
Portland	25	31	.446	13½
Minnesota	16	37	.302	21
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	41	12	.774	—
L.A. Clippers	37	18	.673	5
Phoenix	22	33	.400	20
Sacramento	21	33	.389	20½
Golden State	12	43	.218	30

Wednesday's Games
Cleveland 127, Atlanta 105
Orlando 116, Detroit 112, OT
Brooklyn 101, Toronto 91
Washington 114, New York 96
Indiana 118, Milwaukee 111
Memphis 111, Portland 104
Charlotte 115, Minnesota 108
Dallas 130, Sacramento 111
Phoenix 112, Golden State 106
Utah 116, Miami 101
L.A. Lakers 120, Denver 116, OT
Thursday's Games
Oklahoma City 123, New Orleans 118
Boston 141, L.A. Clippers 133, 2OT
Friday's Game
2020 Rising Stars Challenge
Team USA vs Team World, Chicago
Saturday's Games
No games scheduled
Sunday's Game
2020 All-Star Game
Team Giannis vs Team LeBron, 8 p.m., Chicago

NHL

Thursday's Games
Dallas 3, Toronto 2
New Jersey 4, Detroit 1
Philadelphia 6, Florida 2
Tampa Bay 3, Edmonton 1
Buffalo 4, Columbus 3, OT
Ottawa 3, Arizona 2
Nashville 5, N.Y. Islanders 0
N.Y. Rangers 4, Minnesota 3, SO
Washington 3, Colorado 2
Calgary 6, Anaheim 0
Vegas 6, St. Louis 5, OT
Friday's Games
Pittsburgh 4, Montreal 1
Carolina 5, New Jersey 2
N.Y. Rangers 3, Columbus 1
San Jose 3, Winnipeg 2
Saturday's Games
Detroit at Boston, 1 p.m.
Nashville at St. Louis, 3 p.m.
Edmonton at Florida, 4 p.m.
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m.
San Jose at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Dallas at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles vs. Colorado at Falcon Stadium, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Calgary, 10 p.m.
Washington at Arizona, 10 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Vegas, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 12:30 p.m.
Boston at N.Y. Rangers, 3:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Carolina, 4 p.m.
Anaheim at Vancouver, 5 p.m.
Columbus at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
Dallas at Ottawa, 6 p.m.
St. Louis at Nashville, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Monday's games
Anaheim at Calgary, 4 p.m.
Florida at San Jose, 4 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Arizona, 4 p.m.
Washington at Vegas, 6 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Colorado, 9 p.m.

Indians starter Clevinger has knee surgery, out 6-8 weeks

By TOM WITHERS
AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND — The Indians are already dealing with adversity before taking the field for their first full-squad workout.

Starter Mike Clevinger could be sidelined two months after undergoing surgery Friday to repair a torn meniscus in his left knee, an injury the right-hander sustained while working out at the team's training complex in Goodyear, Arizona, earlier this week.

"He was doing some drills a couple days ago," manager Terry Francona said before Clevinger had the procedure. "He felt something. We took him to the training room. Then we let him go home to see how he feels. I think our trainers were a little nervous at the outset that this has meniscus written all over it. He was pretty sore so they got him an MRI."

The Indians estimate Clevinger will be able to return to "major league game activity" in 6 to 8 weeks. Cleveland opens the season on March 26 against Detroit.

If there's a bright spot, it's that the injury happened early in camp and not closer to the season's start.

"It's not doomsday," Francona said. "One, we know he's a quick healer. And two, he will be able to keep his arm in condition the entire time. I'd prefer it didn't happen, but he's going to be OK."

Cleveland also agreed to a one-year contract with outfielder Domingo Santana that guarantees $1.75 million. The deal includes a $1.5 million salary this year and a $5 million club option for 2021 with a $250,000 buyout, and it could be worth $7.5 million over two years.

Clevinger went 13-4 last season and the Indians are counting on him to help fill some of the void after they traded two-time Cy Young winner Corey Kluber to the Texas Rangers this winter.

The 29-year-old Clevinger has become a vital part of the team's rotation, winning 38 games over the past three seasons. He made 21 starts in 2019, but missed time early in the year with a strained back muscle. Clevinger had a 2.71 ERA last season.

Clevinger avoided arbitration by signing a $4.1 million contract for this season. He's recently been outspoken about the Houston Astros' sign-stealing scandal.

Santana played for Seattle last season, batting .253 with 21 homers and 69 RBIs in 121 games. The 27-year-old Santana missed 24 games in August and September with an injured right elbow.

He'll enter a crowded competition to win one of the open starting spots in Cleveland's outfield. Only center fielder Oscar Mercado seems to have a job locked up.

"It's an offensive bat with right-handed power that isn't easy to find," Francona said of Santana. "Where it ends up fitting, we don't know all of that yet. With (Franmil) Reyes, with (Jordan) Luplow, with Domingo, it's enough of a bat, a pretty potent bat at times."

DAYTONA

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a win in his third and final start of the season.

Now Haley is back at Daytona for his debut in the Daytona 500, just one of a handful of drivers in a watered-down field that includes six Cup Series rookies, a 10-year veteran who had failed to qualify for the race in his only other previous attempt and a slew of others chasing the payout that can extend the season for any fledgling team.

Timmy Hill raced his way into Sunday's field in a qualifying race and said his Daytona 500 debut will keep tiny MBM Motorsports in business for the foreseeable future. More important? Hill thinks he's got a chance to be competitive Sunday.

"My car is very capable of running competitively in this race," Hill said. "I feel like we're not just here to participate, we're here to race."

But no one knows what that racing will look like when the flag drops on the 62nd running after President Donald Trump, named the grand marshal for the race, gives the command for drivers to start their engines. The exhibition Busch Clash was a demolition derby as drivers shook off the offseason rust and adjusted to NASCAR's new rules package.

The superspeedway rules implemented last season put a taller spoiler on the cars and made for unpredictable closing

hp OUTDOORS

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Have a behemoth buck, a tremendous turkey or super-sized salmon? Please submit photos to sports@TheHP.com.

Your photo must be in focus, all persons in the photo must be identified, and the general location of the hunt must be provided (for example, 10-point buck shot in Benton Township, black bear shot near Munising, Mich., etc.)

Great horned owl a potent predator

The great horned owl is the largest owl in Southwest Michigan, standing at one-and-a-half to two feet, with a wingspan of approximately three feet. Their so-called horns are nothing more than tufts of feathers, which can be raised or lowered at will.

Jonathan Wuepper
Southwest Michigan Wildlife

The great horned owl readily feeds on mammals and birds, and in the warm months may occasionally take a reptile or amphibian. In our region, the eastern cottontail rabbit falls prey to this owl, as does the striped skunk. The great horned owl is not bothered by the skunk's offensive odor as the owl has no sense of smell.

Other owls native to Southwest Michigan may fall prey to the great horned owl, such as the barred owl and eastern screech-owl. The great horned owl has also been known to kill the larger great gray owl, native to Canada south to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

The great horned owl is fond of forests and woodlots, but utilizes open areas next to the forests where it hunts. The species avoids large tracts of continuous forests, which was the dominant ecosystem across most of the state prior to European settlement. Thus,

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Photo provided / Carolyn Sundquist

Great horned owls in captivity at Sarett Nature Center on Feb. 4. These owls are injured, unable to fly or hunt, and will remain in captivity for the rest of their lives.

Warren Dunes State Park

Volunteer stewardship workdays: 1-4 p.m. each Sunday in February. Meet at the picnic ground between the park headquarters and the campground. Volunteers will help remove invasive plants from dune areas. No experience is necessary, volunteers will be trained to identify target species.

Sarett Nature Center

Wildlife safari with Nelson the Animal Guy: 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Feb. 22. Get close and personal with a variety of exotic creatures which may include an alligator, barn owl, fennic fox, sugar glider, Siberian lynx, and more. Cost for members is $5/adult, $3/child; non-members, $10/adult and $5/child. Call 927-4832 for tickets.

Fernwood Botanical Garden

Edible horticulture: 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 22.

Featuring presentations on sustainable food systems, cooking and eating more roughage, kitchen container gardening, home winemaking, and whole plant-based eating. Cost is $60 ($8 for members) and includes lunch and a packet of organic seeds. Register by Feb. 15. Call 695-6491 for more information.

Berrien County Sportsman's Club

Trap and skeet shooting: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays, 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays.

Coloma Rod & Gun Club

Carrying concealed weapon classes: 8 a.m.-5 p.m second Saturday of each month. Cost is $105. Call Andrew Zachary at 351-2051 or 944-7802.

Trap shooting: Thursdays 6-10 p.m. and Sundays from 8 a.m.-noon.

Archery: Ranges open for members at any time; public hours are 8 a.m.-noon Sundays and Thursdays 6-10.

Breakfast: Breakfast is available from 8 a.m. to noon every Sunday. For more information, go online to www.colomarodandgunclub.com.

Watervliet Rod & Gun Club

Carrying concealed weapon classes: 6-10 p.m. March 12; 8 a.m.-6 p.m. March 15. Register from 6-7 p.m. March 10. Saturday class features an attorney or police officer to speak and answer questions, an NRA course, personal protection in the home, and three hours of range time with one-on-one supervision. Cost is $100. Call 468-3837 to register.

Submit information for Get Outdoors to sports@TheHP.com, fax to 429-4392 or call 429-1294 by Wednesday.

FISHING REPORT

Southwest Lower Peninsula

Ice conditions were marginal, as most lakes still had unsafe ice because of temperatures and recent snowfall. Anglers are still venturing out, but extreme caution needs to be used.

Stay away from the deeper lakes that take longer to freeze.

Bluegill and crappie have been caught when using small glow jigs tipped with spikes or wax worms.

New Buffalo: Had good coho action for boat and pier anglers.

St. Joseph: Coho action continues to be good. Most are using spawn bags on the bottom between the piers or trolling small spoons and plugs around the piers and along the beach.

St. Joseph River: Anglers have caught steelhead. Walleye were caught near Berrien Springs and downriver.

Holland: Pier anglers have caught a few lake trout.

Grand River near Grand Rapids: Steelhead could still be found up near the dam when using spawn, wax worms and beads.

Very cold air by the end of the week will slow the bite once again. For walleye, try fishing off the wall or Fulton Street.

Kent County: Murray Lake was not safe on the north end.

Muskegon River: Continues to produce some nice steelhead, including some fresh fish.

There was open water on Croton Pond. On the Little Muskegon River, some good-size pike were taken from Morley Pond.

White Lake: Anglers had taken some limit catches of crappie and bluegill near the Lion's Den. Decent-size perch and pike were caught off the south shoreline.

White River: Steelhead fishing was slow. Look for fish in the deeper holes during the cold spell.

– Michigan DNR, Feb. 13

Bad boating memories keep writer off iffy ice

Dave Mull

Longtime readers of this column might recall a couple of "this-happened-to-me" articles that described stupid decisions that led to situations that could have been fatal to yours truly.

Like when the 18-foot boat sank 5 miles out of South Haven in Lake Michigan and I hung onto a Coleman cooler for 3 ½ hours until a buddy out trolling just happened to find me.

Or when I turned around in a new kayak to dig through the tackle crate and flipped into cold water on Kentucky Lake.

Or when I took a 12-foot kayak out of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Park into waves so big I was afraid to turn around and go back to shore. When I finally did come about and pedaled back in, I rolled that kayak in the surf in front of a bunch of other kayakers who were smart enough to stay on the beach.

Stuff, most often bad stuff, just happens to me.

The other day I was talking to a buddy about not wanting to risk ice fishing around here in this on-again, off-again winter because I didn't want to write a first-person column about going through the ice.

That got me to thinking about how many times in my earlier years I thought I might meet my maker while fishing. I probably could write a short book. Here's a quick list of highlights:

August 1986: Mike McKee, a longtime fishing buddy, and I take a 16-foot aluminum Starcraft onto Lake Huron out of Rogers City to fish the annual salmon tournament. We must not have seen the small craft warning flag at the harbor entrance, and once we're out in the lake, we are committed to keep moving forward.

We have to go right into the waves and then come around and head back towards our fishing destination, the shallows of nearby Swan Bay. Walls of water rise up behind the 25-horse outboard. Waves are so high that I think I might see a salmon at eye level, looking at us. We surf to the beach at Swan Bay and hitch a ride back to town to get the truck and trailer.

July 1992: My friend Ron Barger and his dad "The Commander" (he was a Navy veteran) take our two 16-foot boats out of Portage, Indiana's Burns Ditch. Some liar at the pay-to-launch ramp had told me on the phone that the protected water inside the Port of Indiana was full of summer steelhead. At the ramp, we ignore the guys in the 26-foot boat with Illinois registration numbers who say the lake is too rough to fish.

Once out of the ditch's mouth, we realize those guys weren't cowards. We face towering waves, 10-footers and bigger. For sure, turning the boat around would no doubt let one of those waves roll the new boat. My golden retriever, Coach, my constant fishing companion, starts out in his usual position as bow idol, paws upon the boat's nose.

As I gun the tiller motor to get over the first giant wave, he scurries back and curls around my feet and looks at me with a mixture of wonder and terror. Finally I turn the boat around a couple miles from shore where the waves are less vertical, and motor into the Port where Ron

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Sturgeon season lasts just hours in Northern Michigan

By MEREDITH SPELBRING
Detroit Free Press (TNS)

Sturgeon fishing season came and went for fishers on Black Lake — in about six hours.

Sturgeon season on Black Lake in Cheboygan County opened at 8 a.m. and closed at 1:40 p.m. Feb. 1. The season, open to hook-and-line fishing and spearing, was set to run from Feb. 1-5, or until the quota was hit. The original quota for sturgeon this year was seven but was reduced to six to avoid overfishing, according to a news release from the Department of Natural Resources.

"We allow for any licensed angler to participate – as long as they register – so we need to have a significant on-ice presence to protect the population of lake sturgeon in Black Lake from overharvest," DNR fisheries biologist Tim Cwalinski said in a news release. "This year was another successful season for angler participation, fish harvest and quick response times, as well as from a safety perspective."

Cwalinski said while theanglers come out for the sport of sturgeon fishing, the fish can be cooked and eaten the same as any other fish.

More than 400 people participated in the six-hour fishing season, the most since the inception of the open sturgeon fishery, according to the release. Once the six-fish quota had been hit, several methods of notification were employed within minutes: text alerts, a fishing telephone hotline, UAW Black Lake Conference Center siren and ice shanty visits from DNR employees, according to the release. Officials were out on the ice and were also able to quickly notify anglers of the end of the season.

Of the six caught, three were males ranging from 44-60 inches and weighing between 16 to 51 pounds. The three females were between 47 and 75 inches long and ranged from 19 to 100 pounds.

The largest sturgeon caught was a female measuring at 75 inches and 100 pounds. The fish, along with three others, had been previously captured by Michigan State University and the DNR during spring spawning runs in the Black River.

The other two previously captured sturgeon caught Feb. 1 were a 60-inch male and a 65-inch female.

Wisconsin angler Dan Mose shows off his sturgeon, the first catch of the Black Lake sturgeon season, which opened Saturday, Feb. 1, at 8 a.m. and closed by 2 p.m. The fish measured 60 inches and weighed 51 pounds.
Photo courtesy of Michigan DNR

Photo provided / Carolyn Sundquist

A great horned owl in captivity at Sarett Nature Center on Feb. 4.

WUEPPER

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up until the 1830s, the great horned owl was much less abundant in Michigan then than it is today.

Perhaps the first of our native birds to nest each year is the great horned owl, and many lay eggs as early as late January or early February.

The adult owls pair bond for life, and often reuse the same nest site for several years in a row. The great horned owl does not build its own nest but reuses nests made by hawks, particularly the Cooper's hawk.

Sarett Nature Center has two injured great horned owls in captivity, which are shown to groups of schoolchildren and adults when visiting the center. Sometimes the owls accompany the naturalists when they visit schools and other organizations in the area.

One of Sarett's great horned owls has just one eye, and is a female named Virginia.

The other owl, a male, is named Pops. Both owls can never be returned to the wild because they have injured wings, preventing them from flying.

Jonathan Wuepper is an area naturalist. Report your sightings to him at wuepperj@gmail.com.

MULL

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and Commander Barger are already fishing. None of us get a strike.

July 2004: Again with Ron Barger, plus a gal I worked with at "Great Lakes Angler Magazine" and one of her girlfriends, we fish the Holland tournament out of a 17 1/2-foot, fiberglass center console boat rated for a 90-hp outboard. That rating must have been established with a 2-stroke motor, because the heavier 4-stroke motor on the boat causes water to flow up through the scuppers.The boat also has no splashwell and a low transom, which allows water to cascade onto the deck when waves overtake us. Waves are big that morning. We take a couple over the transom and water rolls around the floor.

A catastrophe seems imminent. I hammer down on the throttle and put the boat on plane with the downriggers still down. We make it back to port, drop out of the tournament and go into town to watch a movie. Ironically, that movie is "The Perfect Storm."

I've had other close calls, a couple of them on Lake Erie in terrible weather and one scary half-hour in a sudden storm on Lake Superior.

I feel like the cat who has used up eight of his nine lives. No, I just don't think I'll walk out on this winter's iffy ice.

Tacklepalooza

If you're not ice fishing, might as well get some new or used tackle at bargain prices next Saturday at the South Haven Steelheaders' Tacklepalooza. The sale runs from 8 a.m. until noon at the South Haven Moose Lodge, 1025 Wells, St. Admission is $5. Kids age 12 and under get in free. Got stuff to sell? Tables cost $20 and can be reserved by emailing Rich Chapman at info@southhavensteelheaders.com.

Outdoors columnist Dave Mull lives in Paw Paw. Write to him at dave.sportfish.mull@gmail.com.

East Lansing approves culling as option to reduce deer herds

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Officials in East Lansing have approved a lethal option to manage the growing number of deer in the mid-Michigan city.

The city council voted this week to authorize culling as a way to reduce deer herds, the Lansing State Journal reported.

East Lansing's city manager would have to initiate a cull and partner with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's wildlife services to bring in sharpshooters to target deer in city parks.

Residents would be given advance notice of the hunts, according to the newspaper.

Environmental Services Administrator Catherine DeShambo told city officials that December is the earliest a deer cull could be held because the Agriculture Department is "completely booked up."

The cost would be just under $6,000, she added.

But City Manager George Lahanas said East Lansing likely will budget closer to $20,000 in case the program would be needed in more areas and for a longer period of time.

More than 380 deer have been killed in Ann Arbor, about 60 miles (100 kilometers) southeast of East Lansing, since 2016 when hunters first were hired to cull the animals.

East Lansing's deer population has been a growing issue since 2011 and became a bigger concern when chronic wasting disease was found in deer in nearby Meridian Township.

The fatal illness first was discovered in Michigan in a free-ranging deer in May 2015.

SKI REPORT

LEBANON, N.H. (AP) – Latest skiing conditions, as supplied by SnoCountry Mountain Reports. Conditions are subject to change due to weather, skier/rider traffic and other factors. Be aware of changing conditions. For more information go to www.snocountry.com

Michigan

Bittersweet – Wed 3:39 pm MG machine groomed 20 – 26 base 20 of 20 trails
100 percent open, 8 of 12 lifts, Mon-Thu: 10a-10p; Fri: 10a-10:30p
Sat: 9a-10:30p; Sun: 9a-9p
Swiss Valley – Wed 9:13 am MG machine groomed 18 – 18 base 8 of 11 trails
73 percent open, 5 of 7 lifts, Mon-Thu: 10a-9:30p; Fri: 10a-10p; Sat: 9a-10p
Sun: 9a-7p
Timber Ridge – Wed 3:56 pm MG machine groomed 12 – 12 base 8 of 16 trails
50 percent open, 2 of 9 lifts, Tue/Wed: 10a-9p; Thu/Fri: 10a-10p; Sat: 9a-10p
Sun: 9a-7p; Open Tue-Sun
Alpine Valley – Wed 3:35 pm MG machine groomed 12 – 18 base 19 of 25 trails
76 percent open, 8 of 14 lifts, Mon-Fri: 10a-10p; Sat: 9a-10p; Sun: 9a-9p
Big Powderhorn – Wed 2:37 pm MG machine groomed 30 – 60 base 41 of 44 trails
93 percent open, 6 of 10 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p
Big Snow Resort – Wed 8:34 am MG machine groomed 35 – 60 base 56 of 56 trails
100 percent open, 240 acres, 9 of 15 lifts, Mon-Thu: 9a-4p; Fri: 9a-8p
Sat: 9a-8p; Sun: 9a-4p
Boyne Highlands – Wed 3:42 pm MG machine groomed 49 – 49 base 53 of 55 trails
96 percent open, 435 acres, 8 of 10 lifts, Mon/Tue: 9a-4:30p, Wed-Fri: 9a-9p
Sat: 9a-9p; Sun: 9-4:30p
Boyne Mountain – Wed 3:48 pm MG machine groomed 42 – 42 base 49 of 60 trails
82 percent open, 316 acres, 7 of 12 lifts, sm Mon/Tue: 9a-4:30p; Wed-Fri: 9a-9p
Sat: 9a-9p; Sun: 9a-4:30p
Caberfae Peaks – Wed 8:58 am MG machine groomed 58 – 58 base 34 of 34 trails
100 percent open, 4 of 5 lifts, Mon: 10a-5p; Tue-Thu: 10a-8p; Fri: 10a-10p
Sat: 9a-9p; Sun: 9a-8p
Cannonsburg – Wed 8:59 am variable machine groomed 48 – 48 base 9 of 22 trails
41 percent open, 3 of 10 lifts, Mon: 4p-9p; Tue-Fri: 10a-9p; Sat: 9a-10p
Sun: 10a-9p
Crystal Mountain – Wed 7:32 am 3 new MG machine groomed 48 – 56 base 58 of 58 trails, 100 percent open, 98 acres, 7 of 8 lifts, Mon-Tue: 9a-4:30p
Wed-Fri: 9a-9p; Sat/Sun: 9a-9p
Marquette – Wed 3:52 pm packed powder machine groomed 18 – 18 base 25 of 27 trails
93 percent open, 4 of 4 lifts, Tue-Fri: 10a-8p; Sat: 10a-8p; Sun: 10a-5p
Open Tue-Sun
Mt Brighton – Wed 10:15 am 3 new MG machine groomed 36 – 36 base 20 of 25 trails
80 percent open, 100 acres, 7 of 13 lifts, Mon-Fri: 10a-9p; Sat: 9a-9p
Sun: 9a-8p
Mt Holiday – Wed 3:53 pm MG machine groomed 12 – 12 base 6 of 12 trails
50 percent open, 3 of 4 lifts, Tue-Thu: 4p-8p; Fri: 4p-9p; Sat: 10a-9p
Sun: 11a-7p; Open Tue-Sun
Mt Holly – Wed 9:06 am MG machine groomed 20 – 30 base 20 of 20 trails
100 percent open, 9 of 14 lifts, Mon-Fri: 10a-10p; Sat: 9a-10p; Sun: 9a-9p
Mulligans Hollow – Operating
no details Thu/Fri: 4p-8p; Sat/Sun: 11a-6p; Open Thu-Sun
Nubs Nob – Wed 8:22 am 2 new MG machine groomed 24 – 48 base 53 of 53 trails
100 percent open, 6 of 10 lifts, Mon, Wed/Thu: 9a-9p; Tue: 9a-4:30p
Fri: 9a-4:30p/6p-10p; Sat: 9a-4:30p/6p-10p; Sun: 9a-4:30p
Otsego Resort – Operating
no details Wed/Thu: 3:30p-8:30p; Fri: 12-8:30p; Sat: 9a-8:30p
Sun: 9a-4p; Open Wed-Sun
Pine Knob – Wed 9:12 am MG machine groomed 24 – 24 base 16 of 17 trails
94 percent open, 9 of 12 lifts, Mon-Fri: 10ap-10p; Sat: 9a-10p; Sun: 9a-9p
Pine Mountain – Wed 7:37 am MG machine groomed 48 – 180 base 33 of 33 trails
100 percent open, 4 of 5 lifts, Mon/Thu: 10a-4p; Fri: 10a-8p; Sat: 9a-8p
Sun: 9a-4p; Open Thu-Mon
Shanty Creek – Wed 8:39 am packed powder machine groomed 60 – 60 base 42 of 42 trails
100 percent open, 5 of 8 lifts, Mon-Tue: 9a-4:30p; Wed-Fri: 9a-9p; Sat: 9a-9p
Sun: 9a-4:30p
Ski Brule – Wed 9:46 am MG machine groomed 48 – 56 base 17 of 17 trails
100 percent open, 150 acres, 5 of 12 lifts, Mon-Thu: 9a-4p
Fri: 9a-4p/4:30a-7:30p; Sat: 9a-4p/4:30p-7:30p; Sun: 9a-4p

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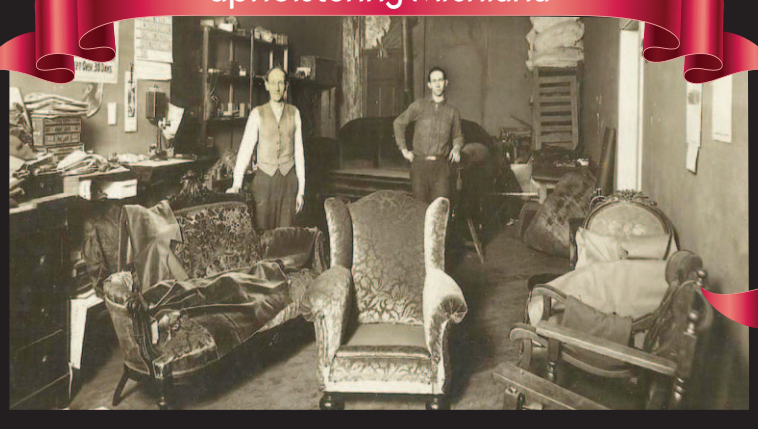

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When appliances are all washed up

Lori Borgman

We need a new washing machine, but one does not simply dash out and buy a new machine these days, one first does research.

I know this because I tried dashing out and buying one without doing my research. The clerk asked how big, how powerful, how many cycles and how much I wanted to spend.

All I could really tell her was my price range. She led me to a small portable machine on wheels that might hold two dishtowels.

Who knew prices had gone up since we last bought one 20 years ago? It's a new form of money laundering.

Now, having spent weeks doing late-night reading, analysis and comparisons, I realize I did not study this hard for college exams.

Washing machines filling my brain has made me a thrilling conversationalist. I am happy to talk about cubic-foot capacity, spin versus pulse agitation, front load and top load.

I can also talk about RPMs, but what shoppers really want to know about is SLPL – Socks Lost Per Load.

Machines have grown more complex in recent years with some models now featuring apps and Wi-Fi connection. Your washing machine can text you the status of the laundry, setting off a ding on your phone or tablet.

You then race through the house or rummage through your purse looking for your phone, which is so much more convenient than having to walk over and look at the machine yourself.

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Alexa: Turn on the lights.

Alexa: Check on the laundry.

Alexa: Live my life.

Until smart assistants take total control, we will continue to pore through online ratings and reviews and scroll through questions and answers on everything from light bulbs to shoes to printer cartridges. We all want to know what we're getting and if it will last.

Both of our grown daughters have gone through two washing machines in their first 10 years of marriage, claiming nothing lasts like it should. Often when they are here, they look around the house and remind us to keep everything that is old.

For a long time, we thought they were talking to us about each other, but they mean our old appliances.

We would keep all our appliances if we could, but we can't. Our present washing machine is so rickety it rocks the entire house on spin cycle. That agitates the dryer sitting next to it and then they both shimmy closer and closer toward the wall until we can't get the louvered door in front of the dryer open.

I can see the clean, warm, clothes, I just can't touch the clean, warm clothes.

All we really want is a basic washer without all the bells and whistles that is reasonably quiet and stays in one place.

Alexa: Find us a docile washing machine. Then do the laundry.

Lori Borgman is a columnist, author and speaker. Her new book, "What Happens at Grandma's Stays at Grandma's," is now available. Email her at lori@loriborgman.com.

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Thomas MacEntee, center, hangs out at the SoFo Tap in Chicago's Andersonville neighborhood on Jan. 29. MacEntee frequents Dispensary 33, which is across the street from SoFo, for his medical marijuana.

Not in my backyard

Marijuana dispensaries can boost foot traffic and sales at nearby businesses, but not every neighborhood wants one

By ABDEL JIMENEZ
Chicago Tribune

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Dennis Hyman, owner of Hyman's Hardware, a 93-year-old business in Chicago, says new customers have been popping in since recreational marijuana went on sale at the nearby Mission South Shore dispensary.

CHICAGO — Ever since Dispensary 33 in Chicago's Andersonville neighborhood started selling recreational marijuana, business has been up at the bar across the street.

"During my shift, everyone who is coming in is drinking. They typically end up buying a couple of drinks because they are waiting to get into the dispensary," said Nico Sansegraw, a bartender at the SoFo Tap, which opens in the evenings throughout the week.

Next door to the dispensary, Jenny's Nail Salon has picked up a couple of new customers, too, nail technician Will Truong said.

Consumers have descended on Illinois dispensaries since recreational marijuana went on sale Jan. 1, buying almost $40 million of marijuana in the first month of sales.

Of course, not every neighborhood wants a marijuana shop, as evidenced by recent community meetings. There are "NIMBYs," or people who say they support marijuana in general, but "not in my backyard." And some residents have broader safety concerns and worry about the rowdiness marijuana shops could attract.

Still, marijuana's legalization has created beneficiaries, as people travel to neighborhoods with dispensaries and spend money at nearby businesses.

Although there are no numbers to demonstrate the broader economic impact of recreational weed sales, experts say the shops have the potential to revitalize overlooked pockets in communities.

In other states where weed is legal, dispensaries have piqued the interest of retail complexes looking for a solution to store closures and declining numbers of shoppers. The changing retail landscape has prompted landlords to rethink tenants they previously would've turned away, like marijuana dispensaries, said Spencer Levy, chairman of Americas Research, which provides industry trends at commercial real estate firm CBRE.

"What's changed is the value of foot traffic. ... Anything that can drive foot traffic, I think people are taking a fresh look," Levy said.

But as cannabis companies rush to open additional stores – each of the 55 medical dispensaries that were operating before recreational sales started can apply to open a second location – they face zoning restrictions and competition for prime real estate.

Greg Huffaker, director of client services for Canna Advisors, a Boulder, Colo.-based cannabis consultancy firm, said most cities where weed is legal initially kept dispensaries away from the main streets in busy downtowns by preventing them from locating near schools and day care centers.

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Tackling a controversial question:
Should you paint the woodwork white?

By KERRI WESTENBERG
(Minneapolis) Star Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS — When Somia Mourad first walked into the Minneapolis home she would buy, she saw dark-stained oak woodwork mixed with white woodwork on much of the main level. In the kitchen, three different wood finishes fragmented the space.

"The house had clearly gone through a ton of renovations," Mourad said.

Though the work had been done with care and had been maintained well, she wanted a more cohesive look. So even before she, her husband, Keith Bush, and their two daughters moved into the 1891 three-story, painters were summoned.

The fireplace mantel, centerpiece of a gracious living room, went from a dark oak stain to white enameled paint so that it would match the shelves on either side, which were already white. Beams in the ceiling got the same treatment. Wood panels in the dining room, which is open to the living room, also got coats of white paint.

Like many of today's home buyers, Mourad and Bush prefer the sleek, clean look of white enameled woodwork. But their experience also speaks to the conundrum of sellers considering whether to paint their woodwork to sell a house more quickly.

Many buyers are seeking a move-in-ready home that reflects the modern aesthetic of clean white woodwork. But some homes, especially Craftsmans and Victorians, can dazzle with stained wood.

Mourad said she fell for her house the moment they walked in and saw the wood door that led to an entryway with delicately detailed woodwork.

"The entryway was so warm – just stunning – with intricate carvings on the wood banister at the staircase; I didn't want anyone to touch it," Mourad recalled.

She kept that nod to the history of the home, even as the painters set to work on other parts of the house.

Sometimes a home shows best when it remains true to character. The oak beams and other wood accents of Craftsman-style bungalows, for example, help make those homes distinct.

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Many buyers are seeking a move-in-ready home that reflects the modern aesthetic of clean white woodwork.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program offers help

Pat Arter
Generations

Grandparenting is maybe the best thing that ever happened to me. I am so crazy in love with my three grandchildren. Any moment I have with any of them is a treasure I hold very dear.

The youngest is 4, and the oldest is 12, so the activities we choose to do with each of them are very different. We can pick and choose, which makes each time personal to us and to them.

We have taken the 12-year-old to Major League Baseball games, where she knows players' names and pays attention to every play. We've also taken her to theater productions, and we even trade books with her.

The 6-year-old is a wonderful overnight guest, and we've taken her on a few camping weekends. We play cards and other games, and she's so much fun.

The 4-year-old is another story. He's a firecracker, and very fast! If we have him for a sleepover, we make sure we put a bell on the front door so we would wake up if he decided to go for a walk at 2 a.m.

He is also a total sweetheart, and my heart melts whenever he's around. I look forward to the time when we can take him camping and other things where we're pretty sure we can corral him.

I'm glad I had my children when I was (relatively) young. Now, if we have any of the grandkids for even half a day sometimes, we get tired very quickly.

I know many grandparents who do all of the above, and much more, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

The phenomenon of grandparents and other relatives raising children is not new. However, the number of children being raised by someone other than a parent has increased dramatically over the last 25 years, according to an article published by Illinois Department on Aging.

Nationally, 5.7 million children younger than 18 are living in grandparent-headed households. Factors contributing to the growing number of grandparents raising grandchildren include: alcohol and drug abuse; neglect, abuse and abandonment; military deployment; poverty; parental incarceration; and teen pregnancy.

The stress of caring for children can be overwhelming, especially if the caregivers are older or dealing with personal health problems. Many of these children suffer from severe physical, emotional and behavioral problems that make caregiving difficult.

These amazing relative caregivers provide stability and permanence for children, often without extended family or community support. They have stepped forward to care for children whose own parents are unable or unwilling to do so – often at tremendous personal sacrifice.

Respite care is often unaffordable or nonexistent. Since many of these children suffer from emotional, behavioral and physical problems, relatives can be reluctant to leave them in the care of others who may not have the experience dealing with physical or behavioral problems.

Their peers may not understand why they have taken on this responsibility. They often can no longer enjoy or afford to do things socially.

The support system is often not there, or is inadequate at best, and caregivers can be very isolated. Respite care is vital in strengthening the family, preventing abuse, and supporting the efforts of caregivers.

At the Region IV Area Agency on Aging, we have a Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program from which we provide resources to many relative caregivers.

If you or someone you know is in this situation, please consider directing them to us. We don't have all the answers but will do our best to assist.

Please call us at 800-442-2803 if we might be able to help you navigate through some of the hard issues. We want to support you, however possible, so you can spend more of your time simply enjoying your grandchildren.

Pat Arter is senior volunteer program director of Region IV Area Agency on Aging in Southwest Michigan. Questions on age or independence services? Call the Info-Line for Aging & Disability at 800-654-2810 or visit www.areaagencyonaging.org. The Generations column appears each Saturday in The Herald-Palladium.

Brian Peterson / Star Tribune / TNS

Many buyers seek a light, modern aesthetic, but some homes, such as Craftsmans, can dazzle with dark woodwork.

WOODWORK

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"You wouldn't change the color of a classic car, even if it's a little funky, and sometimes you shouldn't paint the woodwork of a house," said Ruth Whitney Bowe, a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker Burnet's Minneapolis Lakes office.

In midcentury modern homes, wood paneling and other details can warm up the clean lines. In Victorians, intricate woodwork can speak to the home's original era – and can also be expensive to paint.

In addition to the style of the home, competition is another factor.

"If a home is in an area surrounded by other homes with wood cabinets in the kitchens, there may be no need to turn the woodwork white," Bowe said. "But most often, white woodwork helps a house sell."

Millennials love white

Jayne Morrison of Morrison Interiors in Plymouth, Minn., is a designer and stager who helps people ready their homes for the marketplace.

"Millennial buyers want white woodwork," she said. "If we are staging for a young family in a neighborhood of young families, it is advisable to have woodwork painted white."

That's especially so for owners of homes built in the 1980s with the golden oak woodwork that was popular during that era.

"If you are in a 1980s house and you have a lot of that golden oak woodwork, [painting it white] will help sell your house faster," she said.

Morrison is seeing a generational shift as she works with homeowners on design.

"Baby boomers love woodwork," she said. "Millennial clients say they want an estimate for painting everything white. It is quite pricey, but often they go ahead and do it. They want that total white woodwork look."

Whether it is sellers or new homeowners hoping to create a space they adore, the decision to paint is often based on "that bad word that starts with 'b': budget," Morrison said. When clients decide to do the painting themselves to save money, she suggests they start in one room and see how it goes before tackling the entire house.

Painted woodwork is a fresh look, she notes, and it's been going strong since 2010. In recent years, she has seen the white warming up a bit, shifting to warm gray.

When Mourad got around to remodeling her kitchen and ridding the space of three different wood finishes, in fact, a designer suggested that she paint the center island gray to contrast with the white paint elsewhere in the kitchen and the home.

Mourad declined, preferring to keep the look cohesive.

Plus, she said, "I knew I would never tire of white."

And she hasn't.

"Now when I walk into the house, I feel peaceful, uplifted, happy. There is a lightness and a calm," she said. "It is amazing how much woodwork impacts the feel of a home."

ODD NEWS FROM THIS WEEK

Bear 'foster mom' raises cub saved by Virginia dog

BRISTOL, Va. (AP) — An orphaned black bear cub has been placed with a substitute mother this week after being saved by a dog and brought to safety.

The rescue effort unfolded after the dog turned up at its owner's home in Washington County with a cub in its mouth on Feb. 5, Bill Bassinger, wildlife biologist with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, said. The male cub wasn't hurt by the dog, he added.

The cub, estimated to be 2 to 3 weeks old, was taken to the Virginia Wildlife Center in Waynesboro for treatment and eventual resettlement with his own species.

The center keeps female bears with monitoring collars on for this purpose, according to Bassinger.

Conservation officers use the collars to locate the bears, then track them and listen for cubs making sounds in their dens, the center's website says. If they find a good match, staff members place orphaned cubs outside the dens, and mother bears usually adopt them as their own, Bassinger and experts said.

"The mothering instinct is just very strong in most animals," Bassinger said. "Generally, most females will take the young back, even after it has been handled by humans."

The male cub was settled into an incubator earlier this week where he received constant care and feeding, an update on the wildlife center's website said. He was described as bright, alert and "vocalizing readily."

The center said the cub was placed with a new mother, who was nursing three cubs of her own, on Wednesday.

Photo provided / Wildlife Center of Virginia / AP

A male black bear cub who was admitted to the center on Feb. 6, in Waynesboro, Va., is cared for by staff members. The cub was rescued the night before in Washington County when a family dog brought it home to its owners.

Police: Reported Civil War cannonball was actually a buoy

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — The digging of a swimming pool revealed what could have been a dangerous discovery in South Carolina.

But, the round object found by workers in Charleston on Wednesday afternoon was much less thrilling.

A reported Civil War cannonball turned out to be a wooden buoy, Charleston police spokesman Charles Francis said.

The workers weren't completely misguided by the solid object. A worker in Missouri discovered a cannonball lodged in a Kansas City area tree that he was hired to take down in September. And, a Florida man digging a grave for his dog in his backyard found a rusty cannonball in January 2018.

Nonetheless, there were no major impacts to the wooden buoy discovery this week in Charleston. The police spokesman said there weren't even road closures over the reportedly historic weapon.

Prosecutors: Thief dropped journal with list of homes to hit

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Authorities in Tennessee say they busted a well-organized burglar after he allegedly dropped a notebook during a break-in that contained a list of other places he planned to target.

Robert Shull Goddard, 49, is accused of smashing a glass door and breaking into a Nashville area home on Jan. 29, stealing a TV and a gun from the residents, according to records filed in Davidson County court.

But prosecutors said Goddard left something behind that allowed authorities to solve the case – a notebook that listed multiple addresses, including one for another home a few miles away that had been burglarized that same day.

Investigators were able to identify the suspect, in part, through notes his daughter left in the journal, along with her address.

Goddard was caught on video kicking in the back door of another house the next day, court records state.

He was arrested last week and was being held on a $15,000 bond for felony burglary and theft charges, jail records showed.

MARIJUANA

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"Some in Colorado ended up in the outskirts of town because those were the only places that zoning allowed them. The individual layout of the town set back some (cannabis) businesses. Even if there were no day cares, if the area was zoned for residential, dispensaries couldn't come in," Huffaker said.

Strong demand for marijuana sent buyers to those locations off the beaten path, and in turn, restaurants and bars began to gravitate toward dispensaries because of the foot traffic, Huffaker said.

"Businesses started to pop up, and it led the way in urban revitalization," he said.

As the public's view on cannabis changed, so too has the perceived image, said Morgan Fox, spokesman for the National Cannabis Industry Association.

"A lot of the stigma (around marijuana) has eroded. Businesses are hopefully no longer going to be constrained to where they should go," Fox said.

Also, security measures some states require of dispensaries has likely led to a decrease in crime in neighborhoods with marijuana shops.

"Over the years, we've seen large development in those areas ... a lot of factors like security requirements, increased lighting and foot traffic deter crime in those areas," Fox said.

A 2019 study in the journal Regional Science and Urban Economics found that local criminal activity fell when a dispensary came into the neighborhood. The research analyzed monthly neighborhood crime of all types and patterns in retail dispensaries in Denver from 2013-16.

"The results imply that an additional dispensary in a neighborhood leads to a reduction of 17 crimes per month per 10,000 residents, which corresponds to roughly a 19 percent decline relative to the average crime rate over the sample period," the paper states.

Illinois requires dispensaries to have security inside and outside the store, including security surveillance monitoring equipment, security guards in stores and sufficient lighting around the premises.

Paul Cascioli, director of operations for 2Bears Tavern Group, which owns the SoFo Tap, said he doesn't think Dispensary 33, which has been open for nearly five years and previously served only medical patients, has made the neighborhood feel unsafe.

"When the dispensary first opened (to sell medical marijuana), I personally didn't believe it, but a lot of residents thought it would bring bad people," Cascioli said. "Out of all the years I've been here, I've never felt unsafe. After the dispensary started serving recreational customers, there's been more police presence."

In fact, the dispensary has meant more business for SoFo Tap.

"We've had an influx of straight clientele, which is different for us. ... We usually cater to the older gay crowd. But there's been a lot of younger straight kids coming in, which is totally fine. They've been very nice," bartender Joshua Barnes said.

Barnes worked the first day recreational sales went live in Illinois, and said he made about $900 in tips from a 12-hour shift. Some of the dispensary's customers waiting at the bar returned for trivia night.

"We do trivia nights. They saw 'Star Wars' trivia, and they all came back for that. It's definitely been good for us," Barnes said.

Hyman's Hardware, a retailer across from Mission South Shore marijuana dispensary in the South Chicago neighborhood, also picked up customers who "wouldn't normally come in," owner Dennis Hyman said.

"Maybe it's curiosity," Hyman said.

Kris Krane, president and co-founder of 4Front Ventures, which owns the Mission dispensary, said his firm wasn't involved with the initial zoning process, but he is aware of aldermanic opposition the store faced during those early days while under different ownership.

Community approval is still a big factor as the company searches for an additional dispensary site, he said.

"We do have plans to open a second dispensary, but the plan is to do it somewhere in the south suburbs (near the Indiana border). We've already received open arms from one in the suburbs," said Krane, who declined to name the suburb.

Paul Lee, general manager for Dispensary 33, said the firm experienced similar difficulties before the dispensary opened in 2015 for medical patients. Lee said gaining zoning approval required a lot of community input and effort.

"We did it the old Chicago way. We talked with the local community, the police department, the neighborhood association. You have to put their minds at ease and make them sure (they know) what is happening. They don't want to see an increase in crime. You have to assure them everything is going to be OK and it won't disrupt their lives," Lee said.

The zoning restrictions that govern dispensaries in Illinois have eased since the first medical dispensaries were established, but cannabis companies say they still pose a hurdle. Initially, medical dispensaries could not be located near parks, day care centers, schools and places of worship.

Now, the state only requires that dispensaries not be within 1,500 feet of one another. But municipalities also have the authority to create their own zoning ordinances, or ban dispensaries altogether.

"It's definitely created some challenges to find good locations," said Katriina McGuire, attorney for Thompson Coburn.

Under Chicago's cannabis zoning ordinance, companies proposing dispensaries must host a community meeting, and some of the first few meetings have offered a glimpse at the worries residents have.

NuMed hosted a meeting Wednesday night where concerns were raised about its plans to open a dispensary at 935 W. Randolph St., in the same block as Haymarket Center, a substance use and mental health treatment facility that sees 400 to 500 patients a day.

Haymarket's CEO and president, Dan Lustig, voiced his concerns that having a dispensary so close will trigger patients to relapse.

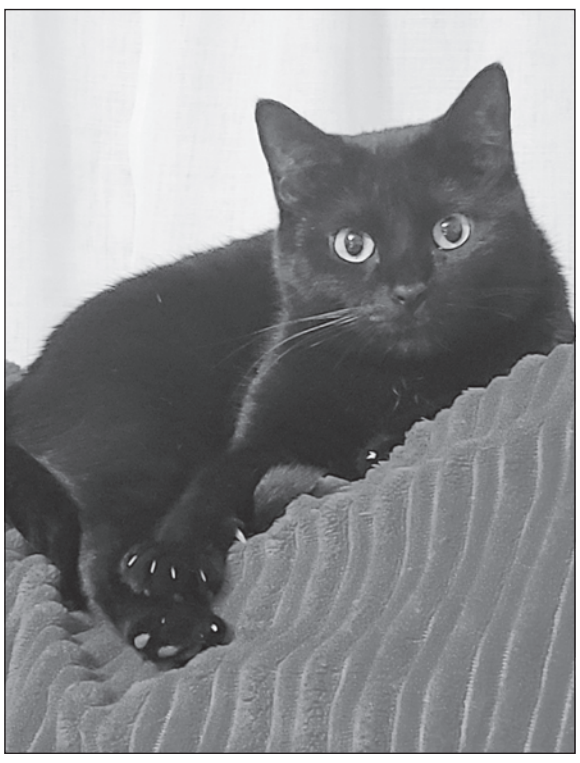
Then there are residents who might support recreational marijuana but would rather have dispensaries elsewhere.

About 100 people attended a community meeting last month hosted by Cresco Labs, which wants to open a dispensary in Chicago.

Trish Keporos was among those who spoke, saying the area is already congested with tourists and visitors who frequent its bars and clubs.

"I just don't want it in this neighborhood," she said. "It's already flooded with young people who are already inebriated, plus you add the people who will be engaging with smoking pot. It's just going to be a little overwhelming."

PET OF THE WEEK



Olive is a 1- to 2-year-old black cat. This sweet girl loves greeting her foster mom each morning, is quiet and would love to have a person of her own. She gets along with other cats and loves attention. She is vaccinated, feline aids and feline leukemia negative, and is spayed. For more information, contact Paws of Hope via private Facebook message, by calling 340-0272 or by emailing paws4ever2012@gmail.com.

Thoughts on death as we approach Lent

David Stout
Insights

Let me begin by saying I hope you had a happy Valentine's Day, though the fact that you're reading a pastor's column the morning after the most romantic of holidays probably suggests otherwise.

In any case, cheer up. The decidedly unromantic Ash Wednesday is less than two weeks away – just enough time to allow those wilted, dead roses your neighbor got to become one more grim reminder that we are all dust and ashes.

This sharp contrast between love and mortality is well captured by a medieval painting in the Cleveland Museum of Art. It features a young couple on their wedding day, full of youth and beauty. On the reverse side, however, the same couple is drawn in the same wedding day finery, albeit with their worm-eaten corpses disturbingly portrayed.

The message is clear enough: the artist was a humorless wretch.

Well, that's probably true, but it's not the real lesson. The real lesson is that eventually even the most robust of us will eventually succumb to dusty death.

While some philosophers have recommended forgetting this fact and just getting on with life, it seems odd to try and avoid using one of humanity's most defining features, the ability to envision the far flung future, when confronted with the one inescapable certainty of that future.

I suspect one of the things that made that painting possible in the Middle Ages was the familiarity of death. Life was often "nasty, brutish and short," as Thomas Hobbes famously put it.

On top of that, there were no funeral homes, and embalming was far too expensive for most people. Consequently, the body was laid out for just a short period in one's home and then buried. There was no way anyone could avoid an awareness of their own mortality.

In that context, Ash Wednesday was almost superfluous, and the solemn contemplation of the Lenten season came quite naturally. That in turn meant the sheer joy of Easter and the Resurrection hit with even greater impact – precisely the point of Lent.

Many in today's world can still relate, but for those of us in the more affluent or even reasonably well off West, it's difficult to see Ash Wednesday and Lent as anything more than a religious rite, an opportunity to put ashes on one's head – oddly something Jesus didn't recommend (Matthew 6:16-18) – and give up something or do something special for the season. The notion that we are to actually contemplate the reality of death doesn't seem to register.

I find this unfortunate, particularly in the light of so much violence and tragedy in our world. Mass shootings (even in houses of worship), never-ending war, deadly addictions and suicides are all commonplace events.

It seems to me that if we used Lent as the medieval people did, we might be less surprised by these visitations of death and better equipped to handle them.

This is where the Christian hope comes in so powerfully. The Resurrection of Jesus is not just some religious story, much less a myth. It is the one solid answer to death, the one that can look the fact of our own demise in the face and know that 6 feet of earth is not our final fate.

But to truly appreciate this fact and live in its light requires spending some time, like that medieval artist, in contemplating just why we need Jesus. In so doing, we can embrace at heart's depth the fact that death is real; but so, praise God, is the Resurrection.

May your Lent be just such a time, and may your celebration of the Resurrection be your most joyous ever. Especially if your Valentine's Day wasn't.

Today's Insights was written by the Rev. David Stout, pastor of Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ and Riverview Park Christian Church, both in St. Joseph. Insights is written by area clergy to give different viewpoints on a variety of topics. It is published each Saturday in cooperation with the Berrien County Association of Churches. The views expressed by the author do not necessarily reflect the views of member churches.

CHURCH NOTES

Fairplain Presbyterian Church, 210 W. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor, will continue its free "Love your _____ Neighbor" Sunday school series. This Sunday, the series focuses on "Love Your Addicted Neighbor," a conversation with Jeremy B., who is from Alcoholics Anonymous and is a recovery coach at Carol's Hope. Sunday school is after worship at 11 a.m. Worship attendance is welcomed, but not required.

Berrien Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 4340 Lincoln Ave., St. Joseph, will continue its "Compassion" series at 10:30 a.m. Sunday with guest speaker Michelle Richards, who will share her ideas for "Building Intentional Multigenerational Community." She is the author of "Tending the Flame: The Art of Unitarian Universalist Parenting." The church will host the documentary "The River and the Wall" at 7 p.m. Thursday. The film is part of the free Environmental Justice Film Series. Popcorn is included. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

New Paradise Missionary Baptist Church, 287 S. Crystal Ave., Benton Harbor, is hosting its annual Black History Month services on Sunday, beginning with 9 a.m. Sunday school. At 10:30 a.m., Highland Avenue Seventh-day Adventist pastor Eric J. Bell will be the keynote speaker. Everyone is invited to dress in historical clothing or African dress. Following the service, members will provide a Southern meal called "Someteet" (meaning "something to eat") and resume services at 3 p.m. The afternoon speaker will be Tara Sanders of New Bethel Baptist Church. A number of members will perform Southern black history songs, skits, monologues and readings.

BELL

SANDERS

Martin Temple Church of God in Christ, 730 Waukonda Ave., Benton Harbor, will hold an installation service for district missionary Dionne Lockett at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Michiana Christian Embassy, 1922 E. Main St., Niles, will host a free concert featuring the band Neshama at 7 p.m. Friday. Neshama is a progressive bluegrass/country/Americana band. For more information, visit www.neshamatheband.com. For questions, call the church at 683-3518 or visit michianachristianembassy.com.

The Revelation Singers will perform during a Valentine's program at 7 p.m. today at **Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church**, 831 McGuigan Ave., Benton Harbor.

Zion St. Joe United Church of Christ, 3001 Veronica Drive, St. Joseph, will conclude its five-part series, "Finding Joy in Real Life: 5 Habits to Live Well," at 10 a.m. Sunday. The Rev. Adam Bohland will speak on "The Most Important Commandment of All" based on Deuteronomy 6:4-5 and Matthew 22:35-38.

First Presbyterian Church, 475 Green St., Benton Harbor, will continue its Black History Month celebration with special music, displays and speakers. Longtime criminal justice social worker Gentry Phillips will be the speaker at 10 a.m. Sunday.

PHILLIPS

St. Joseph Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1201 Maiden Lane, St. Joseph, will be giving away food that was donated by The Emergency Food Assistance Program from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday.

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BAZAARS

NILES: The Sweet Charity Sewing Group will host "Leap Year Cure for Cabin Fever Indoor Shop Hop" from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 29 at St. John's United Church of Christ, 601 Sycamore St. Admission is $5. There will be quilting-related items from vendors from Indiana, Illinois and Michigan. Food will be provided by Brew Ha Ha. For more information, contact Cathy Marsh at 362-4314 or Sherri Wade at 782-9384.

News of area bazaars and arts and crafts shows are published Saturdays in The Herald-Palladium. Nonprofit groups that want to be included should send a news release at least two weeks in advance of the event to Focus, The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085, or email focus@TheHP.com.

VOLUNTEERS

United Way of Southwest Michigan

The Herald-Palladium, in conjunction with the United Way of Southwest Michigan, publishes volunteer opportunities every Saturday.

To view all current listings, please visit United Way of Southwest Michigan's volunteer page at **uwsm.org/volunteer.**

Make a meaningful difference

Do you have a passion for working with children? The Youth Development Company is looking for volunteers who have a couple spare hours once a month, once every two weeks, or even every week.

The mission of Youth Development Company is empowering for success and developing dreams while providing a safe haven for youth to grow socially, emotionally and intellectually.

YDC volunteers will help in their YDC learning centers, after-school mentoring program and summer day camp.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Do you love gymnastics?

The YMCA of Greater Michiana is looking for volunteers to help with Creative Movement, Intro to Tumbling, and Intro to Gymnastics.

Volunteers will assist children with hand-eye coordination, motor skills, learning gymnastics skills, strength, flexibility and more.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Help feed the hungry

Fresh, healthy food tends to have a short shelf life. To make sure it gets distributed as quickly as possible, and to increase the distributed amount, Feeding America West Michigan developed the Mobile Food Pantry.

Mobile pantries are like farmers markets on wheels, delivering a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy products and baked goods to people in need, often on the same day the food is donated.

Kinexus will host a mobile food truck on Feb. 24.

Volunteers help distribute food, carry heavier groceries for people who need help and give a smile to those that are experiencing food insecurity.

Other dates, locations and more information can be found at volunteer.uwsm.org.

Community Soup Night

The YMCA of Greater Michiana is hosting a community event from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Feb. 26 that provides a chance to connect with community members and enjoy a complimentary bowl of soup.

Volunteers are needed to serve soup and to assist with clean up after the event.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Show Me the Money

Summit Financial Wellness will host Show Me the Money Day on Feb. 22. The free event will feature financial products, community resources and financial workshops.

This annual statewide event is designed to kick-off tax season and promote opportunities to increase income, save and build assets.

Volunteers are needed to help register participants, manage door prizes, serve food, help in workshops and assist vendors with setup and breakdown.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Bring peace

Citizens Mediation Service is looking for volunteers.

Volunteer mediators are neutral facilitators when two parties are trying to negotiate crippling dept, child visitation hours, or a whole host of other life crises. Mediators help clients find their own unique options and solutions that both sides can agree to.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Do you love animals?

Therapeutic Equestrian Center uses horses to challenge those with special needs to build stronger minds, bodies and spirits.

Experience with horses is a plus, but volunteers can be trained.

A variety of daytime and evenings opportunities are available.

Volunteers usually help once a week, but substitutes also are welcome.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Therapy dogs

Caring Circle is seeking teams of pet therapy dogs and their humans who can visit with patients at Hanson Hospice Center, nursing homes and patients' homes.

Interacting with therapy animals provides relaxation and companionship for patients, and increases their quality of life.

Four-legged volunteers must be certified by Alliance of Therapy Dogs, Therapy Dogs International, or an equivalent organization to visit with patients.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Do you love events?

The Krasl Art Center is looking for volunteers for receptions and events.

Some of the events include: opening exhibition receptions in the art gallery, Family Day event art activities, Sunset Coast Performance series events, and the Soup's On annual lunch and fundraising event.

Tasks vary from gallery greeters and art project helpers to setting up and tearing down for the event.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Help empower young people

A want versus a need. How to balance a checkbook. Don't you wish someone had taught you those things as you were growing up? Now there is someone: you.

Junior Achievement is looking for volunteers. All it takes is your enthusiasm, life experience and a willingness to teach children about how you took chances and shot for the stars.

Junior Achievement provides the training and the curriculum.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Give. Advocate. Volunteer.

United Way of Southwest Michigan mobilizes the caring power of communities to fight for the health, education and financial stability of every person. Volunteering your time and talent to create lasting solutions that improve life for everyone is an important part in United Way accomplishing this work. Volunteer today and join the fight, by visiting www.uwsm.org.

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Dems, GOP have undergone role reversal

Jonah Goldberg

For most of my life the rule of thumb was that the GOP was the ideological party and the Democratic Party was the coalitional party.

This always was an overgeneralization. Democrats had an ideological perspective, and Republicans had coalitional interests. But from the New Deal to around the end of the Bush years, it was generally true. I used to think it had to do with the superiority of conservative ideas, but I'm coming around to the view that it has more to do with the way political power works.

There was obviously an ideological component to the New Deal and the Great Society. Stated plainly, the people at the helm of those projects believed in the power of the state or "big government" to steer the whole of the country in a positive direction. But if you look at the members of the FDR coalition, you'll find a lot of diversity. There were intellectuals and populists, capitalists and socialists, racists and civil rights leaders, isolationists and interventionists, corrupt party bosses and the reformers who hated them, poor farmers, urban union leaders, Southern conservatives, blacks, whites, Jews and immigrants, all swirling about, often battling to win the president's favor. That's what you get with majority parties – a diverse coalition of interests all trying to get their place at the trough.

As the saying goes in Washington, if you're not at the table, you're on the menu.

The GOP was a minority party for most of that time, and even when that started to change, it still usually thought like a minority party. By that I mean minority parties emphasize ideological cohesion and partisan unity. Always at a disadvantage, they tend to understand that if they don't stick together, sharing each other's priorities and leveraging what strength they have, they'll get steamrolled by the majority.

It might seem paradoxical, but being in the minority makes arguments over principle more important. When you have little or nothing to trade, you argue about ideas. When you have stuff to trade – taxpayer money, jobs, seats on commissions and committees – ideological differences are easily papered over. Moreover, because majority parties in a democracy are by definition governing parties, there's less reason to get bogged down in debating questions about ideological nuances.

The least ideological politicians in American life have always been the heads of political machines, such as Boss Tweed of Tammany Hall or the mayors of cities like Chicago. In such places, high-minded complaints about principles are easily assuaged with a construction contract or a monopoly on hot dog concessions at the ballpark.

The GOP hasn't exactly figured out how to govern like a majority party, but under President Trump it's behaving a lot more like an urban political machine, doling out goodies to members of its coalition with little concern for a coherent philosophic rationale. The role of ideological principles has been decidedly downgraded, as religious and economic conservatives get the stuff they want in terms of policies and jobs.

Meanwhile, the Democrats are behaving more and more like a minority party, putting ideological commitments ahead of coalitional interests. Bernie Sanders is the most obvious and important illustration of this. The de facto front-runner in the Democratic primaries, Sanders is like a left-wing Barry Goldwater – the ideological icon who spearheaded the conservative takeover of the GOP in 1964, in part by losing to Lyndon B. Johnson in a landslide.

Sanders is a pure ideologue who sees no reason to compromise his brand of socialism for the sake of coalitional interests. He wants no help from the rich if the rich expect anything in return. He insists that pro-lifers have no place in his party, and he doesn't seem to care if things like fracking bans will cost the country jobs and his party votes.

My theory isn't neat and tidy because politics are never neat and tidy. Sanders thinks he has the majority on his side. He doesn't.

More broadly, Democrats don't see themselves as a minority party – minority parties are often the last to realize they aren't as popular as they think they are. Also, the desire to defeat Trump has a tendency to crowd out ideological arguments. Which is why Bernie, like every other Democrat, leads with the promise that he is the best candidate to defeat Trump.

And that's a shame, because I'd love to see the billionaire-hating socialist and progressive billionaire capitalist Michael Bloomberg have an actual debate on their ideas. That debate may just have to wait until after Sanders fulfills his role as the woke Goldwater, truly making the Democrats a minority party by losing in 2020.

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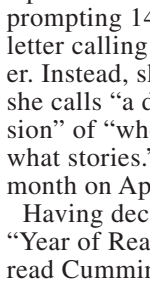
Who gets to tell what stories?

Leonard Pitts



People keep asking me about George Simon.

They want to know why I created him and if it was hard to do. One person told me I was "brave."

I wasn't trying to be brave. I was trying to write my latest novel, a World War II story called "The Last Thing You Surrender." But, you see, George, one of my protagonists, is white and I'm not. And at book signings, some people find that noteworthy.

Thankfully, it hasn't inspired death threats. Jeanine Cummins has not been so lucky. She is a white writer, and "American Dirt," her new novel about a Mexican woman and her son fleeing to the United States after a drug gang butchers their entire family, has ignited furious controversy and threats of violence. A planned tour was canceled.

Ground zero of the outrage is an online posting by writer Myriam Gurba. It's an essay of extravagant loathing for a novel that, she says, springs from the "great American tradition of ... appropriating genius works by people of color, slapping a coat of mayonesa on them" to make them palatable to American taste buds and "repackaging them for mass racially 'colorblind' consumption." Gurba calls the book "caca."

But Oprah liked it.

She made "American Dirt" an Oprah's Book Club selection, prompting 142 writers to sign a letter calling on her to reconsider. Instead, she's hosting what she calls "a deeper ... discussion" of "who gets to publish what stories." It streams next month on AppleTV+.

Having declared 2020 my "Year of Reading Women," I read Cummins' book. And I rather liked it, some clunky passages and contrived situations notwithstanding. But I must concede that I'm poorly qualified to judge – certainly less so than a Hispanic observer would be – how much of the novel was built on worn-out tropes of the undocumented-migrant experience. I saw none, but then again, maybe I wouldn't.

That said, worn-out tropes don't generally inspire lavish hate and death threats. So I suspect the real issue here is so-called "cultural appropriation." Or as Oprah called it, the question of: Who gets to tell what stories? As an artist, are you allowed to draw from outside your racial or cultural box? Or should this white-lady writer have contented herself telling white-lady stories?

It is not a new question. White writer Carl Van Vechten faced it in 1926 with his unfortunately titled novel, "N----- Heaven." In 1997, some black people dubbed black writer Gene Cartwright's book, "I Never Played Catch with My Father" "offensive" because his characters were white.

Then there's me. As if creating George were not bad enough, I've been toying with the idea of a novel based on the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising of 1943. Am I allowed to write that? Do I need permission from black people? From Jews? Or is the very idea not antithetical to artistic freedom? Not to mention freedom.

And what role do good intentions play? What does it mean if one does the right thing, badly?

Consider "Small Great Things," a novel of racial conflict by Jodi Picoult, who is white. I liked the book, but the black protagonist felt, as Roxane Gay put it, "clinical, overarticulated" – a character more researched than felt. Yet given the degree to which white people – even well-meaning ones – resist grappling the conundrums of race, I gave Picoult points just for making the effort to imagine herself into an African American life.

Some day, I may try to imagine myself into a Polish Jewish one. If I fail, I'll take my lumps willingly. Because that failure would come in the act of trying to draw the through line between someone else's humanity and my own.

And that's what art is for.

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LETTERS

Climate change must be top priority

Editor,

In a recent article published in several local Michigan newspapers, Peter Secchia, an admitted longtime big-dollar Republican donor, threatened to withhold campaign contributions because the Michigan House and Senate are not taking beach erosion seriously and his beach house is threatened.

I find a little irony in this statement since he has supported the party that has not accepted the science of climate change for many years. You see, my friend, climate change is the cause of not only beach erosion at your beach house, but many other problems, to say the least, such as road erosion, flooding and eventually our ability to feed ourselves.

To clarify, Mr. Secchia, rivers, streams, lakes, oceans and glaciers are all connected and when the glaciers melt at the rate they have been, the water rises in the oceans, which backs up in the tributaries, which in turn raises the levels in the great and inland lakes and this then increases the moisture in the atmosphere.

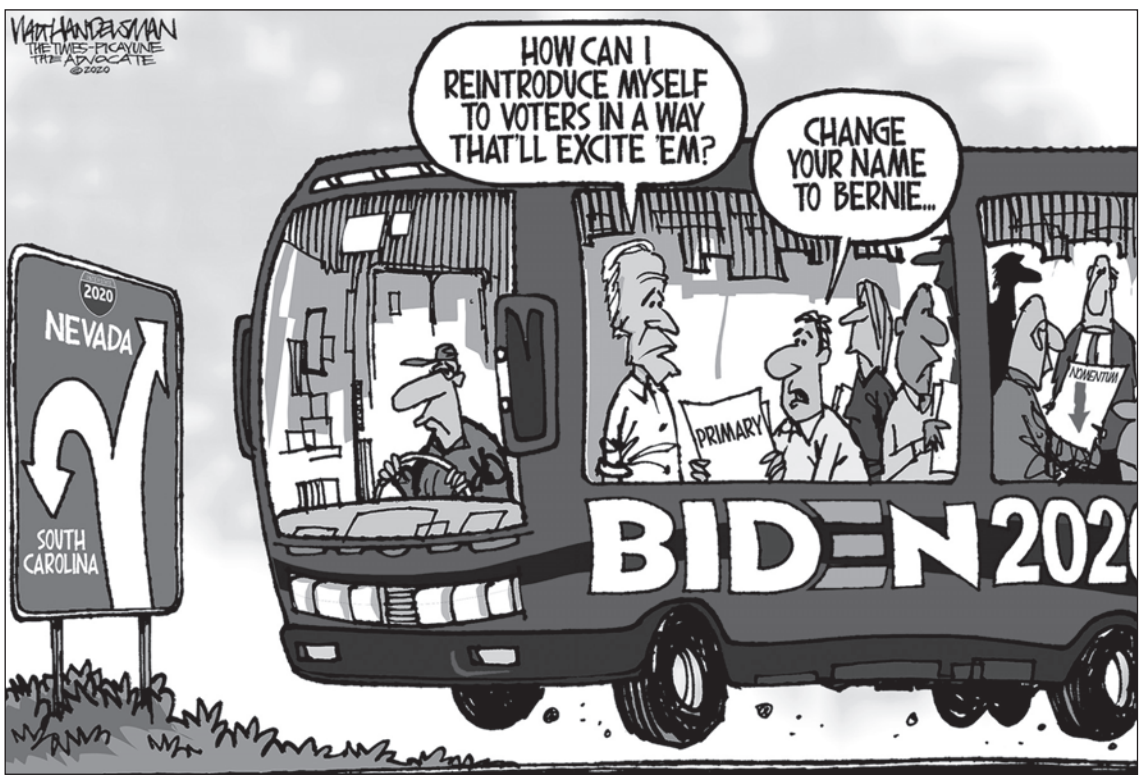
To compound the problem, with more water in the atmosphere due to a word banned by our president (climate change), and supported by the Republican Party, there's more rain and snow, which causes the ground to be saturated and creates even more run off. The additional run off must go somewhere, right?

Putting in sea walls and other erosion control is at best a temporary fix and a huge waste of tax dollars. In addition, there are studies that show that some of these barriers can cause more damage to the adjoining properties than they save.

So, I would encourage you to look at the real issue and put your contributions into candidates of either party that accept the fact that global warming is real and must be dealt with. This issue should be at the top of our elected officials' agendas, as it is paramount to our survival, and of course, saving your beach house.

We all need to support candidates that want to fund and work on solutions to lower carbon emissions and implement other measures to save our planet for the sake of our grandchildren, and of course, your beach house.

John Lewandowski
South Haven



At the end of life, wealth is meaningless

Editor,

Upon reading Kunga Nylma's "Insights" column in the Jan 25-26 edition, I was fascinated with the similarities between Buddhism and Christianity.

Like Kunga, I was born into a middle class white American family. I believed what I was taught in Catholic school and it was only in my freshman year of college that my core beliefs were challenged when I took a class in world religions which included Buddhism.

As for what we should think about as we navigate this complex world, I would add one thing to his first four topics which were stated to be aging, sickness, death and loss. This would be disability, which comes not from religion but instead from an unlikely source, that of being a sales rep for Metropolitan Life for many years.

People seem to know that we all have an invisible "expiration date" etched on our souls. However, most do not envision spending months or even years in assisted living or nursing homes. If that point arrives before death and loss, it suddenly becomes crystal clear to the infirmed person that material wealth is indeed meaningless. Man truly does not "own" anything. He is merely a steward of his possessions which will be "lost" upon his inevitable death.

Buddhists strive in their life decisions to achieve Nirvana. Christians live according to the Ten Commandments in order to enter the paradise called heaven. Ultimately we are all human and hopefully will live our lives according to our beliefs to achieve our final destiny.

Susan Balco
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ANOTHER OPINION

Did the Justice Department cave to Trump in Stone case?

It isn't yet clear whether improper political influence led the Justice Department to ask for a more lenient sentence for Roger Stone, a longtime confidant of President Trump, than the one originally proposed by federal prosecutors. But Trump's outrageous comments about the original sentence recommendation – and his history of interfering in the administration of justice – require that the decision be investigated.

Trump's disdain for the rule of law and his refusal to be constrained to the ordinary rules that govern presidential behavior are well known. But he must not be encouraged and emboldened in them just because he was acquitted by the Senate in his impeachment trial.

Stone is a flamboyant political operative – a self-described "dirty trickster" – who was convicted last year of lying to Congress, witness tampering and obstructing a congressional investigation into Russian meddling in the 2016 election. At issue was Stone's pursuit of Russian-hacked emails damaging to Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential bid.

On Monday, prosecutors recommended to a federal judge that Stone, 67, be sentenced to a prison term of seven to nine years, based on the government's assessment of his conduct under federal sentencing guidelines.

But on Tuesday, after Trump tweeted that the recommendation was "horrible and very unfair," the Justice Department changed course. It told the court that the original recommendation "does not accurately reflect the Department of Justice's position on what would be a reasonable sentence in this matter" and that the actual sentence should be "far less." That reversal led to the withdrawal of four prosecutors from the case.

Whether the original recommendation was overly harsh can be debated. Although advisory federal sentencing guidelines take a mathematical approach to sentencing, some decisions about aggravating factors can turn on subjective judgment, and prosecutors sometimes overreach. But the issue isn't whether the original recommendation was too harsh. It's whether it was softened to placate Trump, whose meddling in the matter is entirely inappropriate.

The Justice Department said officials made the decision to change the sentencing recommendation before Trump's tweet, and Trump himself said Tuesday that "I have not been involved in it at all." But skepticism is understandable, given Trump's demonstrated disrespect for the impartial administration of justice and his past actions, including his documented efforts to impede the investigation of special counsel Robert S. Mueller III.

That is why the Justice Department's inspector general must investigate this episode and why Attorney General William Barr needs to be open about the chain of events when he testifies before the House Judiciary Committee next month.

On Wednesday, Trump congratulated Barr "for taking charge of a case that was totally out of control and perhaps should not have even been brought." The burden is on Barr to prove that the Justice Department wasn't doing the president's bidding.

– Los Angeles Times

PRIME TIME TV

SATURDAY EVENING FEB. 15

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	The Rookie "Clean Cut" CC (DVS)		The Rookie "Breaking Point"		The Rookie "The Dark Side"	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	God Friended Me "Joy" CC		NCIS: New Orleans CC (DVS)		48 Hours (N) CC	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	NHL Hockey Los Angeles Kings vs Colorado Avalanche. From Falcon Stadium in Colorado Springs, Colo. (N) (L) CC					
FOX 17 22 28 32	XFL Football	Boxing Caleb Plant vs. Vincent Feigenbutz. (N) (L)				Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Lawrence Welk	Antiques Roadshow (Part 3 of 3) CC		As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	Keep-Appear	Keep-Appear
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	News	Cops CC
MNT 50	Graham Bensinger	AHL Hockey Grand Rapids Griffins at Chicago Wolves. From Allstate Arena in Rosemont, Ill. (N) (L)					
WCIU 26	2 Broke Girls	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Bob's Burgers
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland "Running Scared"		Murdoch Mysteries "Merlot Mysteries"		Murdoch Mysteries "8 Footsteps"	
WGN 9	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	WGN Weekend News at Nine (N)	
A&E	5:00 Live PD CC	:07 Live PD: Rewind (N) CC		Live PD "Live PD -- 02.15.20" (N) (L) CC			
AMC	6:30 ★★ Ghostbusters II ('89, Comedy) Bill Murray. CC			Seven Worlds, One Planet "Europe" (N) CC			The Karate Kid
Animal	Pit Bulls	Pit Bulls & Parolees		Pit Bulls-Parole		:01 The Vet Life (N)	
BET	Beyond	★★ The Best Man Holiday ('13) Morris Chestnut. CC					
Big Ten	College Wrestling Ohio State at Penn State.				College Wrestling		
Bravo	Fifty Shades	7:50 ★★ Fifty Shades Darker ('17, Romance) Dakota Johnson, Jamie Dornan. CC					Fifty Shades
Cartoon	Teen	My Hero	My Hero	Burgers	Burgers	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy
Cinemax	:00 Strike Back	7:50 ★★ Turistas ('06, Horror) Josh Duhamel. CC			:25 ★★ The Hills Have Eyes ('06) Aaron Stanford. CC		
CMT	:00 ★★★ Urban Cowboy ('80) John Travolta.					★★ Footloose	
CNBC	Boss	Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss	
CNN	News	CNN Newsroom		Race-Whte Hse		Race-Whte Hse	
Comedy	Rush Hr 3	★★★ Rush Hour ('98) Jackie Chan.				★ Rush Hour 3 ('07)	
Discovery	:00 Gold Rush	Gold Rush (N) CC		Gold Rush (N) CC		Gold Rush (N) CC	
Disney	Gabby	Zombies 2 ('20) CC			Bunk'd	Gabby	Bunk'd
DIY	Maine	Maine Cabin Masters		Maine Cabin Masters		Maine Cabin Masters	
E!	★★★ Wedding Crashers ('05) Owen Wilson.					Just Friends	
ESPN	Basket	College Basketball				College Basketball	
ESPN2	Basket	College Basketball				College Basketball	
ESPNC	Football	College Football From Nov. 29, 1986.				College Football	
Food	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
Fox News	Life	Watters' World (N)		Justice With Jeanine		Greg Gutfeld	
Fox Sports	Snow	Motorcycle Race		Drag Racing			
Freefrm	Pitch Perfect 2	The Thing About Harry ('20) Jake Borelli, Niko Terho, Britt Baron. (P). CC				The Thing About Harry ('20)	
FX	★★ The Proposal	★★★ The Martian ('15, Science Fiction) Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain. A stranded astronaut tries to survive on Mars. CC					
Golf	PGA Golf			LPGA Golf			
Hallmark	:00 Matching Hearts ('20) Taylor Cole, Ryan Paevey. CC			The Secret Ingredient ('20, Romance) Erin Cahill, Brendan Penny. (P). CC			
HBO	Godzilla: King	★★ Shaft ('00) Samuel L. Jackson, Vanessa L. Williams. (P). CC				9:55 Avenue 5	:25 Avenue 5
History	Aliens	Ancient Aliens: Secret Files (N) CC				To Be Announced	
HGTV	Property	Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Vanilla	Vanilla
Learning	Say Yes	Say Yes to the Dress (N) CC				Counting	Say Yes
Lifetime	My Daughter	You Can't Take My Daughter ('20, Suspense) Lyndsy Fonseca. (P). CC				Stolen by My Mother: Kamiyah	
MSNBC	Hardball	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	College Basketball			Bensinger	Pregame	NHL Hockey	
NFL	6:00 NFL Football Teams TBA.			NFL Football Teams TBA. CC			
Nick	Loud	Henry	All That	Substitute	Friends	Friends	Friends
NGEO	9/11	Inside 9/11: Zero Hour CC				Inside 9/11: War	
Oxygen	:00 Up and Vanished "Final newscast" (N)			Snapped "Diana Nadell" CC		Up and Vanished "Final newscast"	
Parmt	6:00 Independence Day			★★★ I Am Legend ('07) Will Smith.			
Showtime	:15 ★ Peppermint ('18, Action) Jennifer Garner. CC			Homeland Carrie recovers in Germany.		Them That Follow ('19) (P).	
Starz	6:57 Outlander	7:55 Outlander "All Debts Paid" CC		8:56 Outlander "Of Lost Things" CC		9:58 Outlander "Freedom & Whisky"	
STZENC	The Cutting Edge	:09 ★★ Mamma Mia! ('08, Musical Comedy) Meryl Streep, Pierce Brosnan. CC				Spartacus: War of the Damned CC	
SyFy	6:00 ★★ Blade: Bloodhunt	★★ Blade: Trinity ('04, Horror) Wesley Snipes. Blade and a pair of vampire slayers battle Dracula. CC					
TBS	6:00 ★★★ Avengers: Age of Ultron ('15) CC (DVS)			★★ Central Intelligence ('16, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart. CC (DVS)			
TCM	6:00 Gaslight	★★★★ Casablanca ('42) Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman. CC (DVS)				★★★ Key Largo ('48)	
TMC	:20 ★ Winchester ('18) Helen Mirren, Jason Clarke. CC			Redcon-1 ('18, Horror) Oris Erhuero, Carlos Gallardo, Mark Strange. CC			
TNT	Tip-Off	2020 NBA All-Star Saturday Night (N) (L) CC					All-Star
Travel	Haunted	Woo.- Haunted		Woo.- Haunted		Haunted Hospitals	
TV Land	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Chicago P.D. CC (DVS)	
VH1	Romeo	★★ Poetic Justice ('93) Janet Jackson. CC					Obsessed
WGN-A	:00 Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods "Pain Killers"		Blue Bloods "Heavy Is the Head"		Blue Bloods A journalist goes missing.	

Separate sleeping quarters give loving couple peace

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married for 45 years. When she moved out of our bedroom, I was shocked. I thought she didn't love me anymore. Then I realized that both our sleeping habits have changed over the years.

She snores, and I toss and turn. She needs the room dark, while I like a night light so I can see while I walk to the bathroom. I wasn't around when my parents got old, so I didn't realize our sleeping arrangement was going to change. We still love each other, but just sleep in different rooms. Is this normal? – Wondering In California

DEAR WONDERING: The reason for the change is what's important. In your case, it's not because of discord or lack of love. While I would have suggested your wife try various kinds of sleep masks to block out your night light, your new arrangement is not an indication that there is trouble in your relationship. Many couples do this. So stop worrying about whether this is normal and be glad you have a solution that works.

DEAR ABBY: My brother and sister-in-law own a golden retriever. "Cookie" is their baby. The problem is, I live in a place where I can't have pets, plus I don't have a car. I'm disabled, so it's harder for me to get around.

I would love for my brother and sister-in-law to visit me for a couple of days. We live 2 1/2 hours apart. Well, my brother won't come and stay with me at all. He does visit, but only for about an hour or so because they refuse to put Cookie in a kennel.

What should I say to him without causing him to get mad at me? I feel he's putting that dog first, before his own sister. I miss seeing him and his wife. – Doggone It In Michigan

DEAR DOGGONE IT: Your brother and sister-in-law's goldie is also a member of their family. Demanding they put Cookie in a kennel is tantamount to telling them they must put their child in foster care for the duration of their visit with you.

If your brother is willing to drive 2 1/2 hours (each way) to visit with you for a few hours, he IS showing his love for you. Can you suggest he arrange for a neighbor to look after Cookie for two days? If not, in the interest of family harmony, stop complaining.

DEAR ABBY: The last of our children has graduated and left the nest. My wife and I are now starting to go through years of boxes, mostly papers and photos. In the process, we have discovered several checks written to us that we never cashed – mostly for Girl Scout cookies or other fundraising items and birthday gifts for the kids.

The checks are mostly more than 15 years old, but they add up to around $300. Would it be proper to ask the check writers to reissue their checks so long after they were written? We could use the money now. – Questioning In Pennsylvania

DEAR QUESTIONING: You should have been more careful with those monetary gifts. To ask that the checks be rewritten after 15 years would be an imposition and likely not well received. Furthermore, if they were intended for your children for birthdays, Christmas, graduations, etc., any replacement checks should be made out to them, not you.

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Can't afford to take visiting friends to dinners

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from a recent online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: My husband and I have friends coming to visit us next month, and we were planning to take them out for two really nice dinners while they were here. My husband thought it was going to eat our discretionary spending budget for that one month, but one of the restaurants is far more expensive than he thought and it's actually going to take two months' discretionary spending.

He still wants to do it because they're celebrating one of those once-in-a-lifetime milestones. For me, we're already under a lot of marital and budgetary stress from me being chronically ill and too sick to work, and the thought of basically not being able to spend money to go out to eat or do fun things together is killing me. I feel like we need to be able to do those sorts of things together to sustain our marriage. What to do? – **Host**

Skip the way-more-expensive restaurant and find one that brings the cost down to the one-month-budget threshold.

Better, well below it.

You have serious things going on. Fragile health and unemployment and money scarcity and all the marital stresses they either cause or compound are legitimate and urgent priorities for you.

Yay, your friends are achieving a happy milestone. A round of genuine applause for them. You can celebrate them by setting a table for four in your own home and preparing them something special.

And if that's not physically possible, or if your joy levels need the boost from a night out with friends, then just choose a different restaurant and don't give it another thought.

Seriously. These things can take on Big Meaning when you're too close to them, and it can feel like Restaurant A is the bearer of all symbols of all things, but the bigger meaning is just time with friends. And you can do that at Restaurant B. Or, again, by feeding them at home! You don't need to suffer extra to show you care.

You don't need to suffer at all to show people who care about you that you care about them.

If your husband is fixated on Restaurant A, though, and no sensible alternatives gain traction, then it actually might make more sense to drop it and be broke than to keep litigating it with him. Marital and budgetary stress both are difficult, and one always makes the other feel worse – but if this is a one-off, then there's an argument for pampering the marriage, even at an extra month's expense.

RE: Dinner: I would be absolutely horrified if I found out my friends' generosity was causing marital strife. Seriously, good friends can have just as good a time sitting around eating hot dogs as they can at the finest restaurant in town. – **Anonymous**

DEAR CAROLYN: Spouse is sold. How do we explain the change of dinner plans to our friends? – **Host again**

You: "Change of plan, we're going to _____."

They, possibly, but I hope not: "What happened to _____?"

You: "We couldn't make it work," or, "It's out of our reach."

I don't have kind thoughts toward people who would respond poorly to these.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Hole in a needle
4 Sty habitants
8 Pit
12 Boy
13 Worshipped image
14 Ogden locale
15 Bikini top
16 Valley of grapes
17 Darth's son
18 Own up to
20 Aureate
22 — choy
24 Listen
25 Spouse
28 Lowest ebb
31 Pinnacle
32 Ersatz butter
33 — -de-sac
36 California's Fort —
37 Land chart
38 Queen of Scots
39 Pretty, in Paris
40 Sea eagle
41 A Beatle
43 Oversee
45 Elves
47 "Married ... With Children" surname
51 Spectacular
52 Quartet minus one
55 Jackie's tycoon
56 Magritte or Russo
57 Auel heroine
58 Travel guide
59 Units of energy
60 Red vegetable
61 Woolly one

DOWN
1 Place of exile
2 Length measure
3 Party cheese
4 Spotted horse
5 Wyo. neighbor
6 Dems.' foes
7 Steel mill refuse
8 Less shiny
9 Chopin opus
10 In the altogether
11 Not now
19 Wild goat
21 John Glenn's state
23 Mound
25 — Tse-tung
26 Loan abbr.
27 Danson or Turner
29 Asian mountains
30 Prevent
33 Commuter vehicle
34 Coffee dispenser
35 Drain cleaner
37 Flag holder
38 Bill of fare
39 Fruit drinks
41 Kilted musician
42 Firing
44 Depth charge target (hyph.)
45 Marquette's title
46 Iffy attempt
48 Appoint
49 Dead heat
50 Omigosh!
53 Type of whiskey
54 Land in "la mer"

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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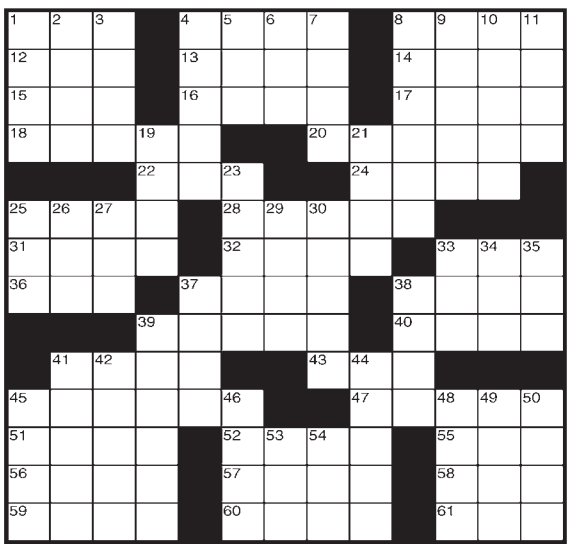

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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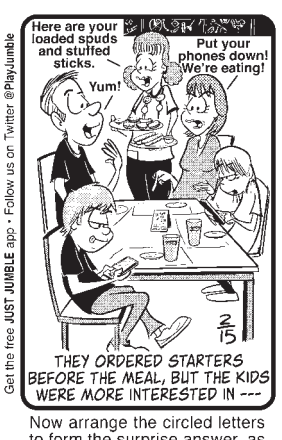
Here are your loaded spuds and stuffed sticks.
Yum!
Put your phones down! We're eating!
THEY ORDERED STARTERS BEFORE THE MEAL, BUT THE KIDS WERE MORE INTERESTED IN ---
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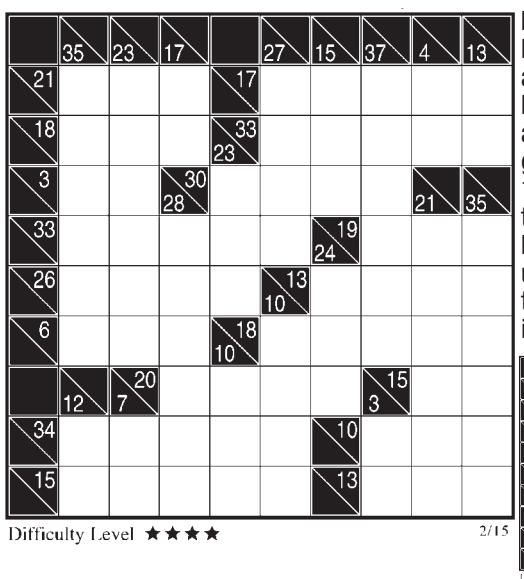
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here:

(Answers Monday)

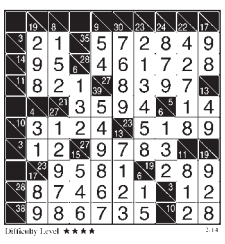
Yesterday's Jumbles: RARER PETTY OUTAGE TRUDGE
Answer: He tore off the top page of the page-a-day calendar to keep it — UP-TO-DATE

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★★ 2/15

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



Difficulty Level ★★★★ 2/15

BRIDGE

This week, we have been looking at fourth-suit game-forcing. This occurs on the second round of the auction after the opener has bid two different suits and the responder has bid a third suit. When the responder rebids in the fourth suit, it is artificial. He is probably uncertain of which game will be best but might be thinking about a slam.

In reply, if the opener has a stopper or two in the fourth suit, he usually bids no-trump. Often, the responder will want to reach three no-trump but does not have a stopper in the fourth suit. (Responder, with the fourth suit well held, can bid no-trump himself.) Without a fourth-suit stopper, or with no interest in no-trump, opener does something else. Perhaps, as here, he gives preference for the opener's first-bid suit, which leads to the final contract of five diamonds. If North had rebid three notrump, South would have passed, and the contract would surely have died. Luckily, North investigated further.

What did South do after West led the heart king?

South had to lose one spade and one diamond, but just in case the trump split was bad, declarer had to be careful. He won with dummy's ace, then ran the diamond 10. When West ducked, declarer continued with the diamond nine. West ducked again, but South played off the club king and club jack before leading a third trump. West won with the ace and tried to cash the heart queen, but declarer ruffed, drew the last trump, ran the clubs and conceded a spade.

North 02-15-20
♠ A J 7 5 2
♥ A 6 3
♦ 10 9 7
♣ K J

West
♠ 9 8 4
♥ K Q 8 7
♦ A 6 4 3
♣ 6 3

East
♠ K Q 10
♥ J 10 9 5 2
♦ 2
♣ 10 9 5 4

South
♠ 6 3
♥ 4
♦ K Q J 8 5
♣ A Q 8 7 2

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
5♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ K

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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	4							3
	6				1		8	
1				2				6
	8		9				1	
8							2	
7	9	5		4				
			6	9		5		

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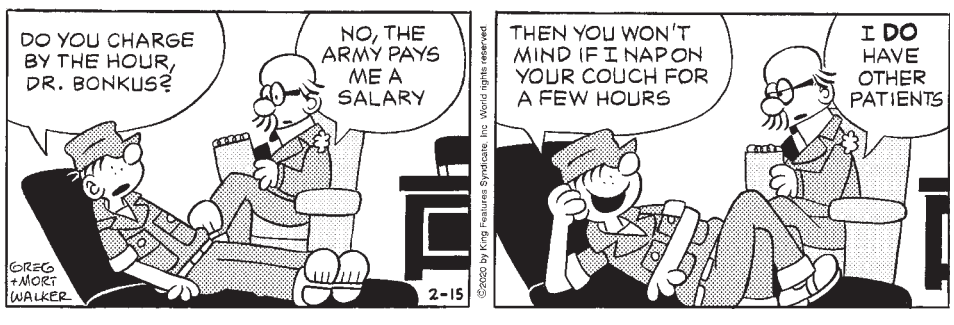
How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

2	8	6	4	3	9	5	7	1
3	9	1	7	2	5	6	8	4
7	5	4	8	1	6	3	9	2
4	1	2	3	9	7	8	5	6
6	3	8	1	5	4	7	2	9
9	7	5	2	6	8	1	4	3
1	6	9	5	8	2	4	3	7
8	4	3	9	7	1	2	6	5
5	2	7	6	4	3	9	1	8

BEETLE BAILEY


DO YOU CHARGE BY THE HOUR, DR. BONKUS?
NO, THE ARMY PAYS ME A SALARY
THEN YOU WON'T MIND IF I NAP ON YOUR COUCH FOR A FEW HOURS
I DO HAVE OTHER PATIENTS
GREG + MORT WALKER
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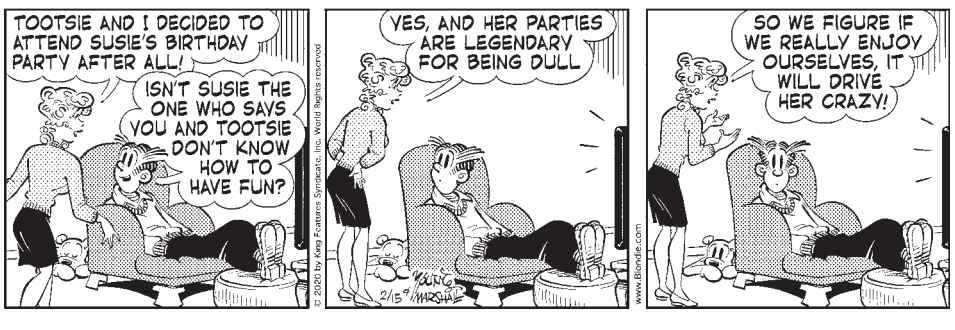
TOOTSIE AND I DECIDED TO ATTEND SUSIE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY AFTER ALL!
ISN'T SUSIE THE ONE WHO SAYS YOU AND TOOTSIE DON'T KNOW HOW TO HAVE FUN?
YES, AND HER PARTIES ARE LEGENDARY FOR BEING DULL
SO WE FIGURE IF WE REALLY ENJOY OURSELVES, IT WILL DRIVE HER CRAZY!
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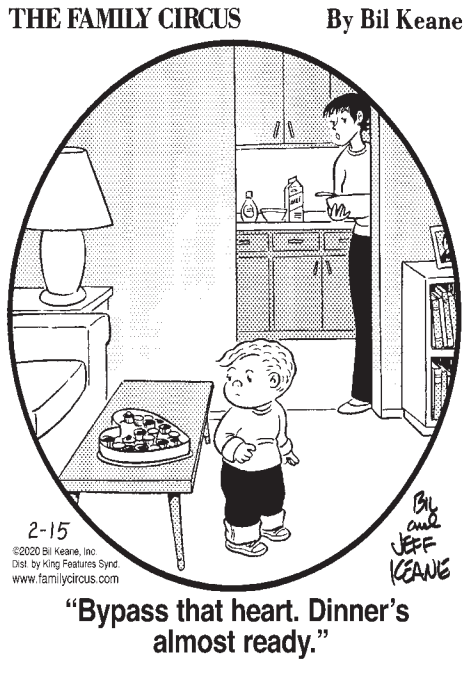
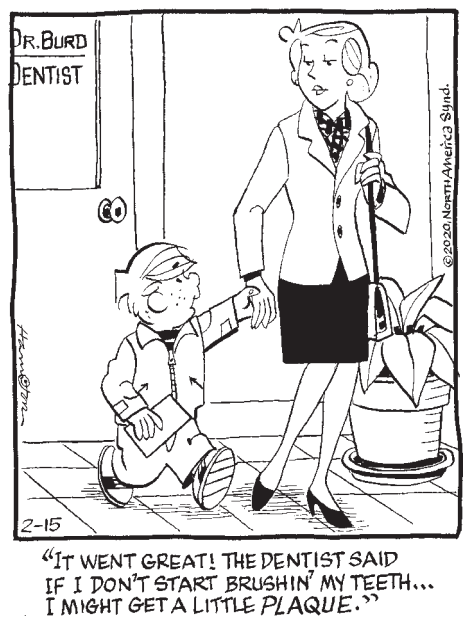
FAMILY CIRCUS



DENNIS THE MENACE


DR. BURD DENTIST
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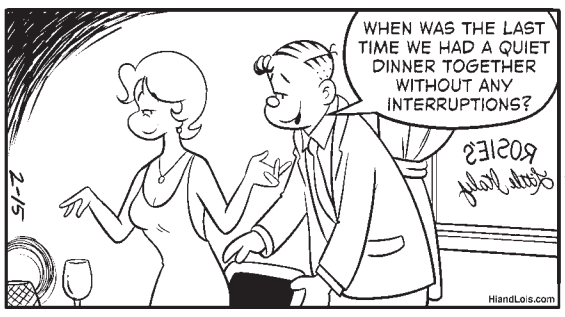
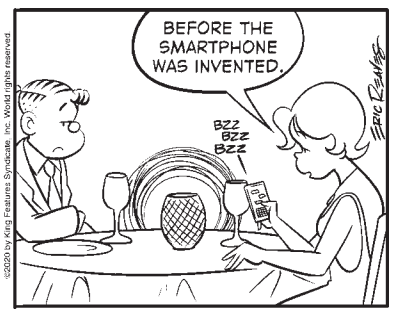
"IT WENT GREAT! THE DENTIST SAID IF I DON'T START BRUSHIN' MY TEETH... I MIGHT GET A LITTLE PLAQUE."

HI & LOIS





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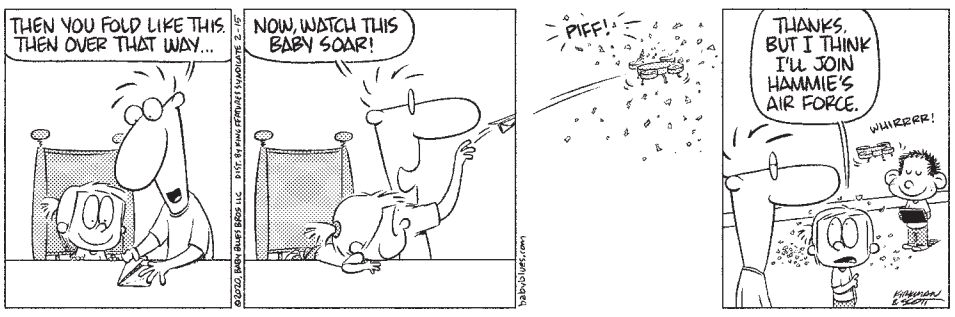
THEN YOU FOLD LIKE THIS. THEN OVER THAT WAY...
NOW, WATCH THIS BABY SOAR!
PIFF!
THANKS, BUT I THINK I'LL JOIN HAMMIE'S AIR FORCE.
WHIRRRR!
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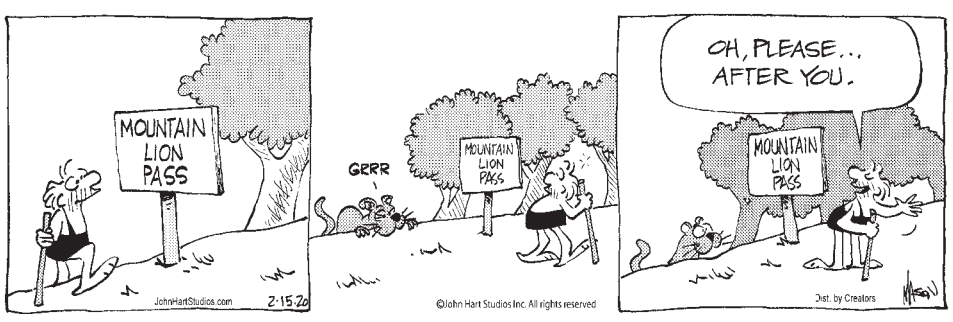

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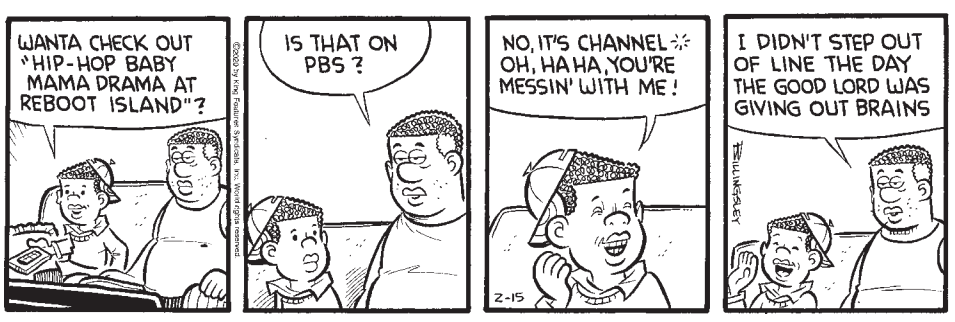
WANTA CHECK OUT "HIP-HOP BABY MAMA DRAMA AT REBOOT ISLAND"?
IS THAT ON PBS?
NO, IT'S CHANNEL 2! OH, HA HA, YOU'RE MESSIN' WITH ME!
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I DIDN'T STEP OUT OF LINE THE DAY THE GOOD LORD WAS GIVING OUT BRAINS
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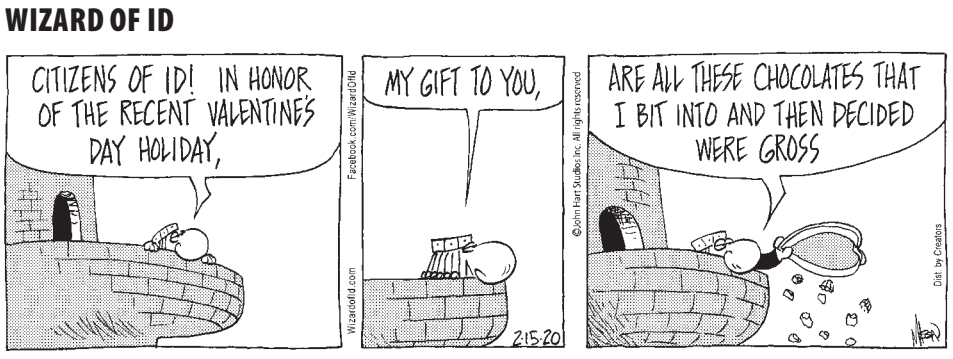
WIZARD OF ID


CITIZENS OF ID! IN HONOR OF THE RECENT VALENTINE'S DAY HOLIDAY,
MY GIFT TO YOU,
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ARE ALL THESE CHOCOLATES THAT I BIT INTO AND THEN DECIDED WERE GROSS
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ZITS

MOM!
I NEED MORE MILK!
AND YOU EXPECT ME TO GET IT FOR YOU?
UM, I GUESS NOT...
BUT COULD YOU SHOVE THE FRIDGE CLOSER?
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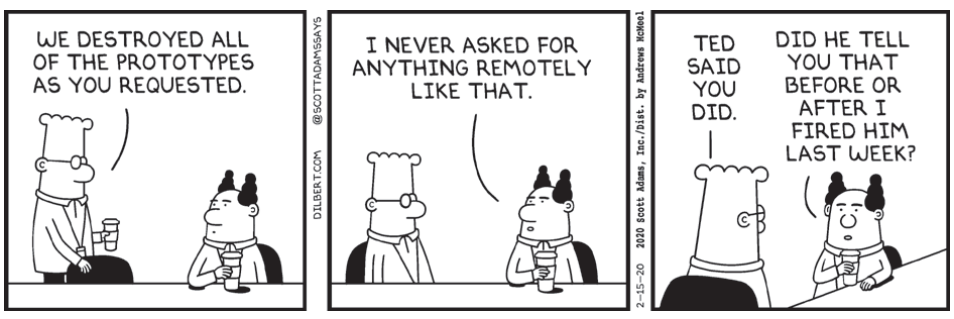
DILBERT


WE DESTROYED ALL OF THE PROTOTYPES AS YOU REQUESTED.
I NEVER ASKED FOR ANYTHING REMOTELY LIKE THAT.
TED SAID YOU DID.
DID HE TELL YOU THAT BEFORE OR AFTER I FIRED HIM LAST WEEK?
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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

HELGA, DARLING... I ONLY HAVE EYES FOR YOU!
THAT'S TOO BAD...
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I COULD ALSO USE A HAND!
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GARFIELD

I FEAR NOTHING
EXCEPT FOR THE THINGS ON THIS LIST
I'M ALSO AFRAID OF THE LIST
I HOPE I'M ON IT
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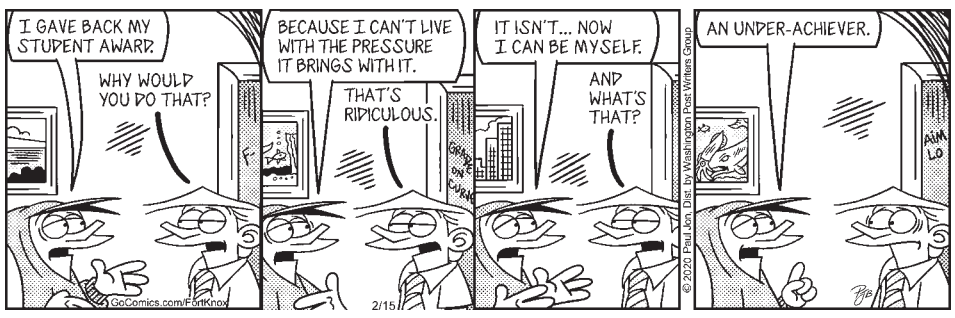
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

FORT KNOX


I GAVE BACK MY STUDENT AWARD.
WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT?
BECAUSE I CAN'T LIVE WITH THE PRESSURE IT BRINGS WITH IT.
THAT'S RIDICULOUS.
IT ISN'T... NOW I CAN BE MYSELF.
AND WHAT'S THAT?
AN UNDER-ACHIEVER.
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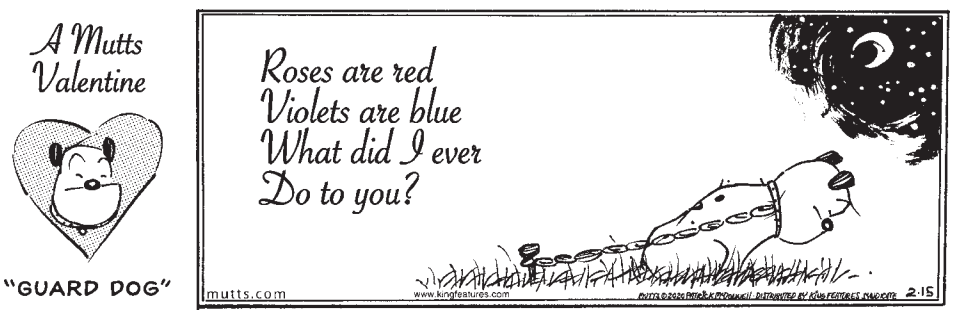

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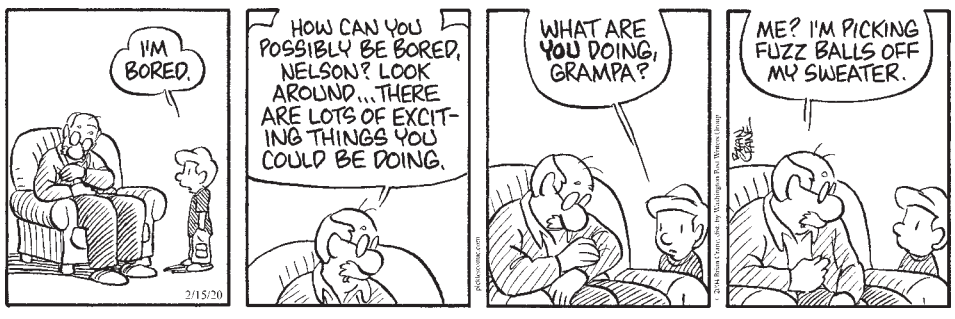
I'M BORED.
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HOW CAN YOU POSSIBLY BE BORED, NELSON? LOOK AROUND...THERE ARE LOTS OF EXCITING THINGS YOU COULD BE DOING.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, GRAMPA?
ME? I'M PICKING FUZZ BALLS OFF MY SWEATER.
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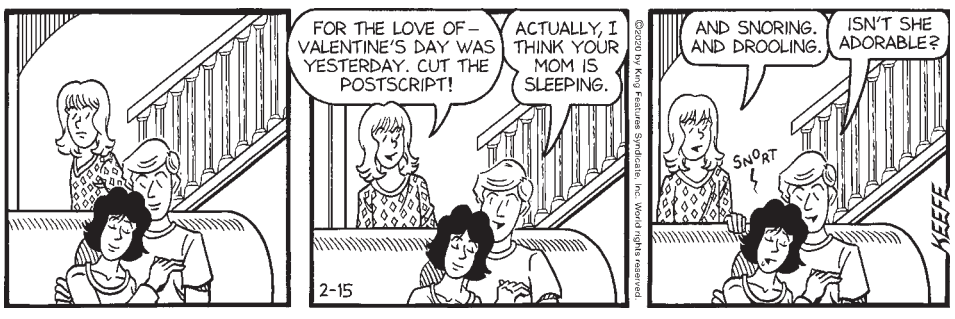
SALLY FORTH


FOR THE LOVE OF— VALENTINE'S DAY WAS YESTERDAY. CUT THE POSTSCRIPT!
ACTUALLY, I THINK YOUR MOM IS SLEEPING.
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AND SNORING. AND DROOLING.
ISN'T SHE ADORABLE?
SNORT
KEEFE
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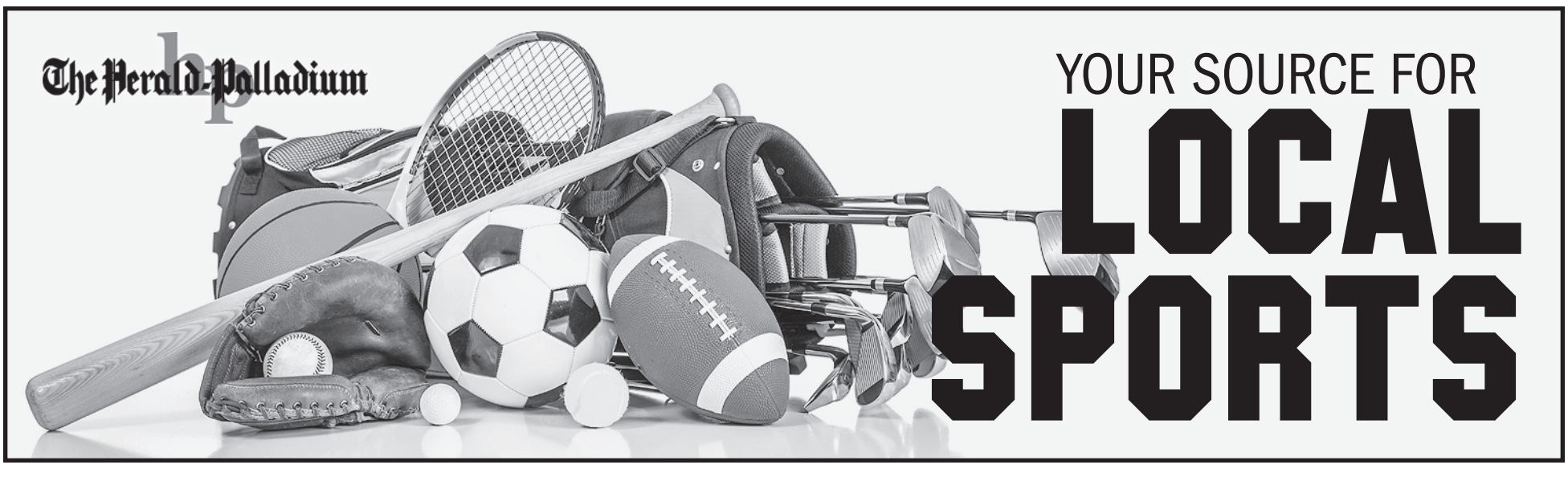

hp ENTERTAINMENT

‘Sonic the Hedgehog’ worth rushing to see

If the Hollywood mantra for making blockbusters is “faster, faster, faster,” then the creators of “Sonic the Hedgehog” have wisely ignored it.

Mark Kennedy
Movie Review

The little blue alien who can sprint quicker than the speed of light has ironically benefited from slowing it down, taking a pit stop to retool and emerge this month as a total crowd-pleaser.

Respectful of the rich history of the brand and yet welcoming to newcomers, “Sonic the Hedgehog” is a feel-good buddy movie for adults and their own little aliens. “Nailed it!” screams Sonic at one point, and that might be a fitting summary for the film.

Director Jeff Fowler has been entrusted on his feature film debut with bringing to life the ball of super CGI energy, whose origins lie in Sega video games. But things didn’t look too good when a trailer dropped last April that portrayed Sonic as more rat-like with creepy human teeth.

An outcry led to the film being delayed for a reset, resulting in a Sonic with a sleeker design, larger eyes and fewer chompers.

While there’s no way to give a side-by-side comparison, the film that emerges portrays Sonic as a cute, naive teenager, prone to saying very 2020 things like “I am living my best life” and “I can’t with that guy.”

He has fled his own planet with a warning to “never stop running” and a twist on the “Spider-Man” proverb: “With great power comes great power-hungry bad guys.”

In the script by Pat Casey and Josh Miller, Sonic is naturally attracted to fast things – “Flash” comic books and the movie “Speed” (Keanu Reeves is “a natural treasure,” declares our heroic blue guy, one of many lines that will go over your little ones’ heads).

Reeves isn’t the only celebrity to get a shout-out: Vin Diesel, Will Smith and Obi-Wan Kenobi are all invoked for laughs. Amazon and Olive Garden also get some love.

There’s a weird urban-versus-rural tension throughout, with the scriptwriters clearly putting their fingers on the scale against life in the big city. One great sequence ends with everyone agreeing on a common enemy: hipsters.

The plot isn’t too far from the classic “ET” or the more modern “Bumblebee” – an alien lands on Earth to hide and soon must team up with a kindly human (James Marsden, in a very Marsden groove) to escape the clutches of evil government scientists who want to dissect it.

In this case, Jim Carrey dons a Civil War mustache and a black full-length leather coat to play the baddie Dr. Robotnik as only he can – ultra-arch, absolutely unhinged and dangerously unpredictable.

“You know what I love about machines? They do what they’re told,” he snarls. Carrey has his own insane dance sequence that will make you spit out your popcorn.

Sonic, voiced by Ben Schwartz, is sweet and funny and self-aware. He does The Floss. He farts. He wears gloves, socks and sneakers but points out, “I’m not even wearing pants.”

He discovers what a bucket list is and instantly wants to do all kinds of stuff, including start a bar fight.

“You two are so cute,” a woman tells Marsden and Sonic. They protest: They’re loose cannons. (OK, very cute loose cannons).

The non-human one goes fast, to be sure. A radar gun clocks him at 300 mph, but later in the film he moves so fast he stops time, zipping around while everyone is as still as a statue.

The filmmakers have also added an excellent, propulsive soundtrack, which includes X Ambassadors, Queen and the Wiz Khalifa-led “Speed Me Up.” (Steal it for your workout playlist.)

There are references to the video game throughout, including a sequence in which Dr. Robotnik chases Sonic through Paris, up the Egyptian pyramids, and along the Great Wall of China. Green Hill is where the creature ends up on Earth – echoing a key level in the game – and we learn he hates mushrooms, a frequent Sonic touchstone.

So much thought has been put into the film that at the very beginning the Paramount logo substitutes its regular stars for Sonic’s golden rings. A potential sequel is set-up during the end credits – as well as the glimpse of a familiar creature that fans are sure to get excited about.

The filmmakers might not have rushed making this film, but that’s no reason for you to press the brakes now.

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Sonic, voiced by Ben Schwartz, is shown in a scene from “Sonic the Hedgehog.”

‘Sonic the Hedgehog’

★ ★ ★ ½
(out of 4 stars)

- **Starring:** Jim Carrey, Ben Schwartz, James Marsden, Adam Pally, Tika Sumpter
- **Directed by:** Jeff Fowler
- **Written by:** Pat Casey and Josh Miller
- **Running time:** 99 minutes
- **Rated:** PG
(for action, some violence, rude humor and brief mild language)

Issa Rae and LaKeith Stanfield take a good long look at love

The problem with movie trailers is: A) They’re necessary, apparently; B) Too many beans get spilled; and C) Often, a movie without much overt intrigue or plot machinery becomes packaged in a gently deceptive fashion.

Michael Phillips
Movie review

This last problem brings us to a film worth seeing. Writer-director Stella Meghie’s “The Photograph” unfolds as a low-keyed romance starring Issa Rae of the YouTube series “Awkward Black Girl” and HBO’s “Insecure,” and the very busy LaKeith Stanfield, lately improving everything from “Sorry to Bother You” to “Atlanta” to “Knives Out.”

As with “The Notebook,” the title memory fragment here offers the narrative a peg on which to hang the story of two guarded individuals learning to love again.

Mae works as a curator at the Queens Museum. Her mother, a Louisiana native who moved north with young Mae to become a photographer, has recently passed, leaving behind two long, revealing letters tucked away in a safe deposit box. These are addressed to Mae and to her father.

Over on narrative track number two, there’s feature writer Michael, a New Yorker like Mae, currently on assignment in Louisiana. His story subject, given a taciturn grace by the excellent Rob Morgan of “Mudbound” and “Stranger Things,” is an ex-oil rig worker turned crab fisherman.

The walls of his humble home are filled with evocative photographs taken by Mae’s mother, Christina, the woman he once loved. One photo proves the exception: It’s of her, not by her, and the way she regards the camera suggests an untold chapter of a story.

Pursuing that story, Michael heads back to New York (he works for a fabulously prosperous media outlet called The Republic) and arranges a meeting with Mae, who’s putting together a retrospective of her late mother’s work.

From there, “The Photograph” plays an artful, subdued game of flashback hopscotch, back and forth from the present-day romance between Mae and Michael to 1980s scenes about Christina, Mae’s mother. She’s played by Chante Adams, and she’s subtly terrific.

Meghie takes some chances here, as words such as “subdued” and “quiet” indicate. There’s hardly any melodrama.

A lot happens off-screen. We hear, for example, about Michael’s ex, who lives in Louisiana, but we never meet her. Back in New York, Mae and Michael get to know each other in leisurely, conversational encounters, without the usual montage shortcuts.

As audiences we’ve become so accustomed to ridiculous, abrupt or plain stupid plot developments; here, it takes a while to realize that “The Photograph” won’t be indulging in any of that.

In other words: When two characters get in a car and drive around, there won’t be any sudden car crashes that land anyone in the hospital. (Retroactive spoiler alert.)

Mae can be a somewhat frustrating protagonist – on the page, she threatens to fade away in her own story – but Rae’s warmth keeps her interesting, just as Stanfield’s unpredictable timing keeps his character (romantically impulsive and tough to read) from being a weasel.

Meghie had the good sense to cast Lil Rel Howery as Michael’s brother; his improvs keep his co-actors on their toes, you can tell.

“Hamilton” alum Jasmine Cephas Jones works in intuitive counterpoint with Rae, as Mae’s museum cohort.

“The Photograph” treats all its characters with some decency and understanding, in a genre where straw villains and cardboard adversaries typically run rampant.

The plaintive, jazz-inflected musical score by Robert Glasper establishes the right vibe and level of drama, which is to say: more like life and less like the movies.

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Teyonah Parris and Lil Rel Howery are shown in a scene from “The Photograph.”

‘The Photograph’

★ ★ ★
(out of 4 stars)

- **Starring:** LaKeith Stanfield, Issa Rae, Chelsea Peretti, Teyonah Parris and Kelvin Harrison Jr.
- **Directed and written by:** Stella Meghie
- **Running time:** 106 minutes
- **Rated:** PG-13
(for sexuality and brief strong language)

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Issa Rae is shown in a scene from “The Photograph.”

hp HOME & GARDEN

HGTV has it all wrong – keep the kitchen walls

Daniel Neman

I was watching a new HGTV show, and I braced myself for what I knew was coming.

The show is called "Move and Improve," and if it is any different from an apparently identical show called "House Hunters Renovation," I have yet to determine the distinction.

In both shows, a couple looks at three houses and then decides to buy the home that – and this is a professional TV secret – they had actually already purchased.

Perhaps you are familiar with the musical "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change!" The title, at least, seems relevant to these HGTV shows, because the couple loves the house enough to want to buy it, and then spends the second half of the show altering everything about it.

And that is when I brace myself.

I don't care if people buy houses and then knock out all of those perfectly good interior walls in the name of having an open concept floor plan. I don't even care if they knock down the exterior walls.

What people do inside their own homes is their own business, as long as I don't have to buy the house and then put walls back up again.

But I feel personally offended when they turn their demolition instincts to the kitchen.

I don't dispute that the "Move and Improve" homes so far have, indeed, had out-of-date kitchens. A little updating was unquestionably called for.

But the new homeowners inevitably look at a wall or two or three in the kitchen and say, "we could take down these walls and have a completely open space with great flow."

And that is when I shout "Noooooooooooo!"

At least, in my defense, I have stopped shouting at my TV about politics, but that may only be because I have stopped watching political shows on my TV.

Here's the problem with taking down walls in kitchens: Kitchens need walls. Walls are where you put cabinets. Walls are often where you put sinks and stoves, though you will frequently find them in the now-ubiquitous islands.

And walls are also where you put refrigerators. That's the biggest problem I have with these shows.

You can live with fewer cabinets, and that is what seems to always happen to these renovated kitchens. It is a tremendous inconvenience, but you can live without them. Stoves and sinks, as noted, can be added to an island.

But refrigerators need walls. Whenever I watch one of these shows, no matter what it's called, I always ask "Where is the refrigerator going to go?"

They never show it during the renovation segment of the show, by the way. They show the island being constructed and the new countertop being fitted onto the lower cabinets.

It is only during the final segment of each show, in what the producers call "the reveal," that we get to see the disposition of the refrigerator. Usually you have to look pretty hard for it, often because it is not, technically, in the kitchen. It's around a corner or in an adjacent hallway.

The "Move and Improve" shows are weirdly proud of the fact that they use professional designers to arrange the homes, but I'm pretty sure that none of them actually cooks food.

No matter how often the designers boast that the kitchens are "efficient," one look is enough to determine that they are not.

For best efficiency, refrigerators should be placed somewhere actually in the kitchen.

There should be counter space on at least one side of it, and it should form a triangle with the stove (with counter space on both sides) and the sink (counter space on both sides).

A big honking island between the stove, refrigerator and sink, as I saw in one episode does no one any good, and neither does having all three in a straight line, as I saw on another episode.

At the end of each show, the homeowners always gloat about how perfect their homes now are.

I'm beginning to think that maybe they don't cook, either.

Daniel Neman is a food writer for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Five home improvements that may not pay off when you sell

By KATE WOOD
NerdWallet (AP)

Charles Krupa / AP

Lumber is stacked at a Home Depot store in Londonderry, N.H.

You spent the holidays binging on HGTV, and now visions of shiplap accent walls and freestanding soaking tubs are dancing through your head.

Don't let your desire to upgrade your home downgrade your home's market value. Before you make a renovation fantasy a reality, consider whether the project will pay off when you're ready to sell.

Plenty of home improvements add value, but others – like these five – can hurt it.

A chef-quality kitchen

If you love to cook, a high-end kitchen could be the ultimate gift – for you. But if you think a massive overhaul will majorly impact resale value, you might be in for a surprise.

An upscale kitchen renovation recoups just 54 percent of its cost in added value, according to Remodeling magazine's 2020 Cost vs. Value report.

"If you do marble countertops and high-end appliances, you could spend $100,000, and it doesn't necessarily mean your house is worth an extra $100,000," says Beatrice de Jong, a consumer trends expert for Opendoor, a San Francisco-based direct home buyer and seller.

Smaller kitchen upgrades could yield a bigger payoff.

Chris Arienti, broker and owner of RE/MAX Executive Realty near Boston, suggests keeping updates reasonable: Think granite rather than marble, and GE instead of Sub-Zero.

DIY painting

A bold statement wall can say the wrong thing to potential buyers if the workmanship is questionable. Streaky, chipped or low-quality paint can knock $1,700 off a home's sale price, according to Opendoor data that looked at home offers made from June 2018 to June 2019.

"A good paint job is not easy," says Sarah Cunningham, a real estate agent with Ethos Design + Remodel in Boise, Idaho. "It is all in the prep work, and most people don't want to do the prep work."

Hiring a professional to paint can help ensure a more attractive result.

An expanded master suite

Knocking down a wall to create an oversize master bedroom or stealing closet space to build out a spa-style bathroom may sound dreamy. But how about as a selling point?

"If you go from five bedrooms to four, and you can make it work, no big deal," Arienti says. But he cautions that losing a bedroom in a smaller house could mean a lower selling price.

As for cutting into closet space, residential building codes don't mandate that bedrooms have closets. But, Arienti says, "Once you take the closet out of a bedroom, to a buyer, that no longer looks like a bedroom."

Plush wall-to-wall carpeting

Carpet can be especially unattractive to first-time home buyers, who may be used to landlords updating carpet between renters, de Jong says.

"In general, people are grossed out by (carpeting)," she said. "It can make a room look a little bit dated."

It can also ding your sale price. Carpet as the primary flooring in a house drops the value by $3,900 – and carpeting in the master bedroom causes a $3,800 plunge, according to Opendoor.

Conversely, a 2019 report from the National Association of Realtors estimated that sellers could recoup the entire cost of refinishing hardwood floors. New wood flooring could actually add value, with sellers getting $1.06 for every dollar spent according to NAR.

A swimming pool

It doesn't matter if it's infinity edge or above-ground: Any pool can be seen as a drawback by buyers who don't want to deal with maintenance or insurance.

Even in Florida, a pool doesn't add value, Liede DeValdivielso, a real estate agent with the Keyes Company in Miami-Dade, said via email.

If you're thinking resale, it's not worth it – you'll never recoup the cost, DeValdivielso said. But if you'll use it and enjoy it, put in a pool.

HOUSE OF THE WEEK

Standout farmhouse design

Highlights of this attractive modern farmhouse include skylights in the great room, a big island in the kitchen, and walk-in closets for all three bedrooms.

A bonus room upstairs lets you expand later and can have its own bathroom. Don't miss the cozy fireplace in the great room.

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This farmhouse design feels cute and modern with a welcoming front porch. See more images online at www.ePlans.com/collection/house-of-the-week.

Design number: 929-1093
Bedrooms: 3
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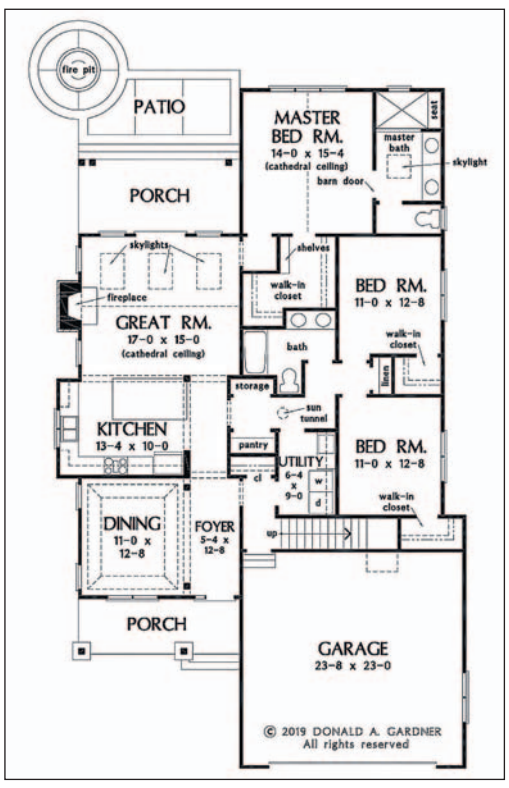

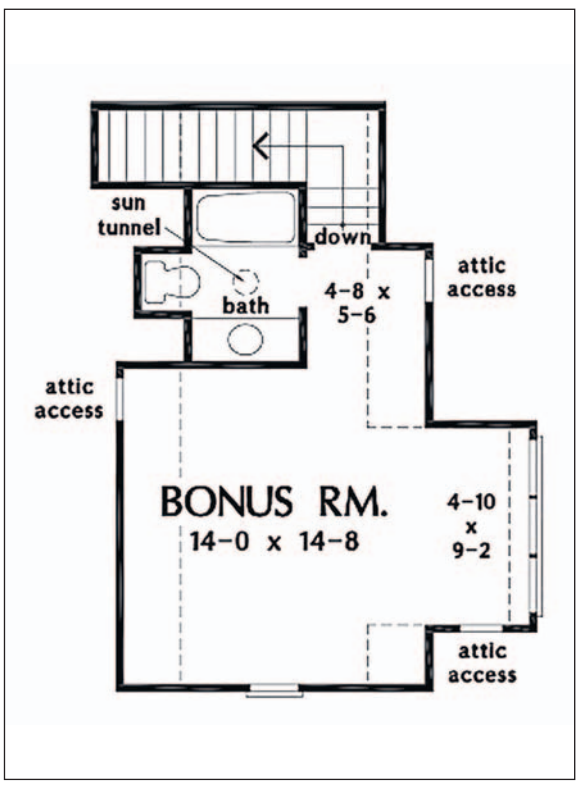

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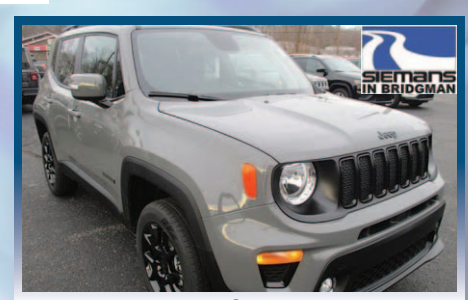

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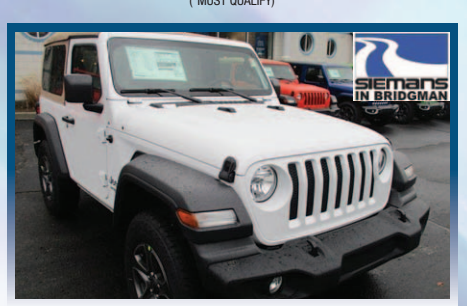

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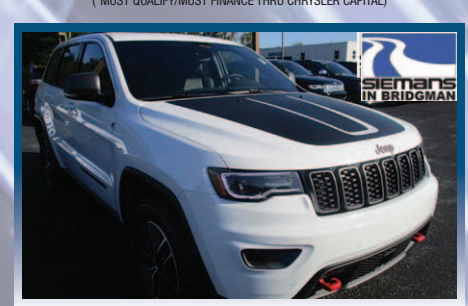

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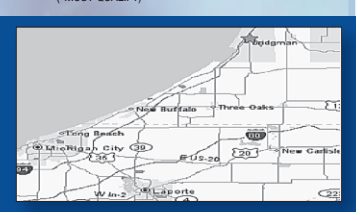

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Proposals will be received until 3:00pm on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 by the City of St Joseph, at the City Clerk's Office; 700 Broad St, St. Joseph MI 49085.
Project: Clean, Seal and Re-apply striping and pavement markings at various City Parking Lots.

All bids shall be submitted in duplicate and in accordance with the official Request for Proposals (RFP), which may be obtained from the St. Joseph City Clerk's Office or at www.sjcity.com.
The City of St. Joseph reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any informality in bidding and/or accept the bid or bids should it consider same to be in its best interest.

Denise Westfall
City Clerk

LEGALS

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF KENT 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FAMILY DIVISION

TO: LAWRENCE PRYOR
Child's Name: ALEISTER PRYOR
Case No.: 18-52389-NA-103514702
Hearing: MARCH 10, 2020 AT 9:00 A.M. Judge GARDNER, 9TH FLOOR, COURTROOM 9-B

An initial and/or supplemental child protective petition has been filed in the above matter. A hearing on the petition, **including petition to terminate your parental rights** will be conducted by the Court on the date and time stated above in the 17th Judicial Circuit Court, Family Division, Kent County Courthouse, 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that you personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above and exercise your right to participate in the proceedings.

THIS HEARING MAY RESULT IN THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS.

Dated: February 13, 2020

DEBORAH L. MCNABB
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

BENTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PRESIDENTS' DAY HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSING

BENTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2020 IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENTS' DAY AND WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH AT 8:30 A.M. MONDAY'S TRASH WILL BE PICKED UP ON (2/18); TUESDAY'S TRASH WILL BE PICKED UP ON (2/19); WEDNESDAY'S TRASH WILL BE PICKED UP ON (2/20); THURSDAY'S TRASH WILL BE PICKED UP ON (2/21).

Carolyn Phillips – Township Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST OF VOTING EQUIPMENT

To the Qualified Electors of the Township of Keeler, Van Buren County, State of Michigan. Notice is Hereby Given that a Public Accuracy Test for the Electronic Equipment that will be used in Precinct 1 for the March 10, 2020 Presidential Primary Election is scheduled for Friday, February 21, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. at the Keeler Township Hall, 64121 Territorial Rd. W. Hartford, MI 49057. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Michigan election law.
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CITY OF BENTON HARBOR PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

In compliance with the Open Meetings Act – Public Act No. 267 of 1976, as amended.

Please be advised that a public hearing of the Benton Harbor Zoning Board of Appeals will be held in the City of Benton Harbor, Lula Lee Commission Chambers located at 200 E. Wall Street, Benton Harbor, Michigan on March 2, 2020, immediately following the City Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. to consider the following:

Selinda Coon of 178 Grand Boulevard, Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022 is requesting a variation to reduce set back requirements of 174 Grand Boulevard, property #54-2600-0002-00-1, from five (5) feet to three (3) feet and lot area reduced by 209 square feet to allow for a three (3) season porch and balcony on their existing home located at 178 Grand Boulevard, property # 54-2600-0001-00-8. The new construction would reduce the existing square footage of 174 Grand Boulevard from 5293 square feet to 5084. Both lots are under the same ownership. The request is permitted under section 2.6.2.D.1(b) and Section 2.6.3 of the City of Benton Harbor Zoning Ordinance.

Members of the public are invited to participate at the public hearing and/or forward comments by mail or email to:
City Clerk Kimberly Thompson
200 E. Wall Street
Benton Harbor, MI 49022.
kthompson@cityofbentonharbormi.gov
Written comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 2020.

The application and documents for this request may be viewed in the City Clerk's Office, 200 E. Wall Street, Benton Harbor, Michigan, 49022 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The City of Benton Harbor does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to public meetings. Auxiliary aids or services will be made available for assistance of individuals with speech, vision, hearing or other impairments if the City of Benton Harbor is provided with notice not less than one week (7) days prior to the meeting time. Individuals desiring such assistance should contact the City Clerk at 269-927-8400 Ext.8410.

All interested parties are urged to attend.

Darlene Jones, Chief Code Enforcement Officer
February 10, 2020

CITY OF BENTON HARBOR PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE PLANNING COMMISSION

The City of Benton Harbor Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 5:30 pm, in the Lula Lee Commission Chambers, Benton Harbor City Hall, 200 East Wall Street on a request for a Zoning Change made by applicant, Ade Adewoye.

Petitioner is requesting a change in zoning classification for the corner of Fifth and Park Street (currently vacant lots) property ID #s 54-0340-0074-02-1 and 54-0340-0074-01-2. Current zoning for Park Street is I-L, Light Industrial. Petitioner is requesting zoning to be changed to C-B, Central Business for the development of a new building of the Mason Jar. The rezoning request will be considered at the regularly scheduled meeting, following the public hearing.

Members of the public are invited to participate at the public hearing and/or forward comments by mail or email to:
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Written comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2020.

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All interested parties are urged to attend.

Kimberly Thompson, Benton Harbor City Clerk
02/10/2020

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HOROSCOPE

BY EUGENIA LAST

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

If you follow your intuition, you won't be disappointed. Expand your creative interests and your friendships, and strive for personal and emotional growth. Let go of the baggage you've been carrying and keep only what will help you excel. Be more ambitious and concentrate on what makes you happy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Keep your emotions under control. If someone pushes you, know enough to walk away. Don't get trapped in someone else's mind game. Do your own thing and focus on self-improvement.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) An intuitive approach to your career will aid you in choosing the best direction. Don't dismiss your creative ideas or ability to turn something mundane into something spectacular.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Spend time with the people who mean the most to you. Honesty will be in your best interest, and questioning anyone who is hesitant will help you sort out your next move.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Present your ideas with flair. Think big, but be reasonable. Get involved in activities that will benefit you and engage in issues that interest you. Fundraising events will lead to interesting connections.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Unreliable individuals will take advantage of your generosity and kindness. Protect your possessions; personal loss is evident. Concentrate on self-improvement, not on trying to change others. Personal pampering is encouraged.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Someone with a unique point of view will inspire you. Consider what you have to offer and how best to use and present your skills.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Social events and fitness programs are encouraged. You will be appealing to someone you encounter. Be careful not to make people close to you jealous. Loyalty is in your best interest.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Keep your wallet tucked away. Overspending or hanging out with extravagant individuals will lead to unnecessary purchases followed by regret. Don't pay for others or try to buy love.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Problems with services for your home will cause disruptions in your routine. Overindulgence on your part or someone else's will lead to problems. Think before you act.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Expand your mind by engaging in conversations that offer intriguing points of view or unusual thoughts. If you reveal your true feelings, you'll alleviate unwanted stress you've been harboring.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You'll attract people who exaggerate and could lead you astray. Back up, trust in yourself and your beliefs. The grass isn't greener on the other side of the fence.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Work quietly on projects that require your utmost attention and that lead to personal happiness. If you step outside your comfort zone, you'll realize how capable you are of handling people, discord and unexpected changes.

HOROSCOPE

BY EUGENIA LAST

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Review the past, consider your options and prepare to purge whatever is weighing you down. Lighten your load and pick up speed. Change can be favorable if it's carefully considered and executed with precision. Say no when something isn't to your benefit and yes to whatever brings you joy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Pick up speed and make adjustments that will save money, point you in a better direction or encourage you to walk away from situations that are no longer to your advantage.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Find out where you stand and who is on your side. The best change you can make is one that will add to your stability, not one that leads to uncertainty.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't rely on anyone but yourself. Personal growth and physical improvements will bring the best results. Distance yourself from critical people.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may want to leap forward, but before you do, go over all the small but essential details to ensure that you aren't taking on more than you can handle.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your energy may be up, but if you don't channel it into something constructive, it could turn into something destructive. Say less, gather facts and do what's best for you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Social activities will brighten your day. Engage in talks with people from different backgrounds and be willing to try something new. A personal change will promote new friendships. Romance is featured.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you put in the time, you'll reap the rewards. Don't make a change just because someone else does. Do your own thing and concentrate on physical and emotional improvements. Love is in the stars.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Keep moving forward and don't give in to emotional manipulation or pressure. Look for the truth and make decisions based on facts. Travel and social activities will be inviting.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You'll accomplish a lot if you work hard and by yourself. Make purchases that will add to your convenience, comfort or emotional well-being. Romance will enhance your life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Use your intelligence to get your way. Offering solutions and hands-on help instead of criticism will help bridge a gap between you and someone you are trying to assist.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Choose your friends carefully. The information you share will be manipulated to make you look bad if you associate with the wrong people. Protect yourself against identity theft.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your energy is mounting, and you will flourish if you stay focused on your objective. Make changes at home that will encourage you to spend more time with the people who make you happy.

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Crossword Answers E2

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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25 Encouraged through chicanery
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49 Music to a matador's ears
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53 Diner menu info
54 Apple starter
55 *Historic site in Paris' Latin Quarter
58 Indian title of respect
59 Early Earth life forms
63 "The Great Dictator" Oscar nominee Jack
64 As an example
65 Either of two Indy 500 racers
66 Not fulfilled
67 Wanted poster listings
68 Weaken
69 Sheik's land, in song
70 Most ready for trouble
71 Baltic people
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82 "The Jungle" author Sinclair
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86 Born, in some bios
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114 Hydrocarbon group
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4 Web system allowing outside access
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6 Obeys a stick-wielding doctor
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18 Tennis drop shot
21 Fleeced
27 "... __ you home to dinner": Shak.
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36 Period of time
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41 Weimaraner's complaint
43 Eatery seen in the film "Manhattan"
44 Car and Driver yearly listing
46 Can't brook
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54 Jeweler's measure
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60 Property recipient, in legal language
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72 Ovarian hormones
73 Frosty coat
75 Knowledgeable about
77 Manhattan, say
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79 Peggy or Brenda of song
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82 Fork, for instance
83 Japan's largest active volcano
84 Pondering, with "on"
88 Cars that sound like gems
89 "__ you really just say that?"
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93 Blathering
96 "__ it!": "Get moving!"
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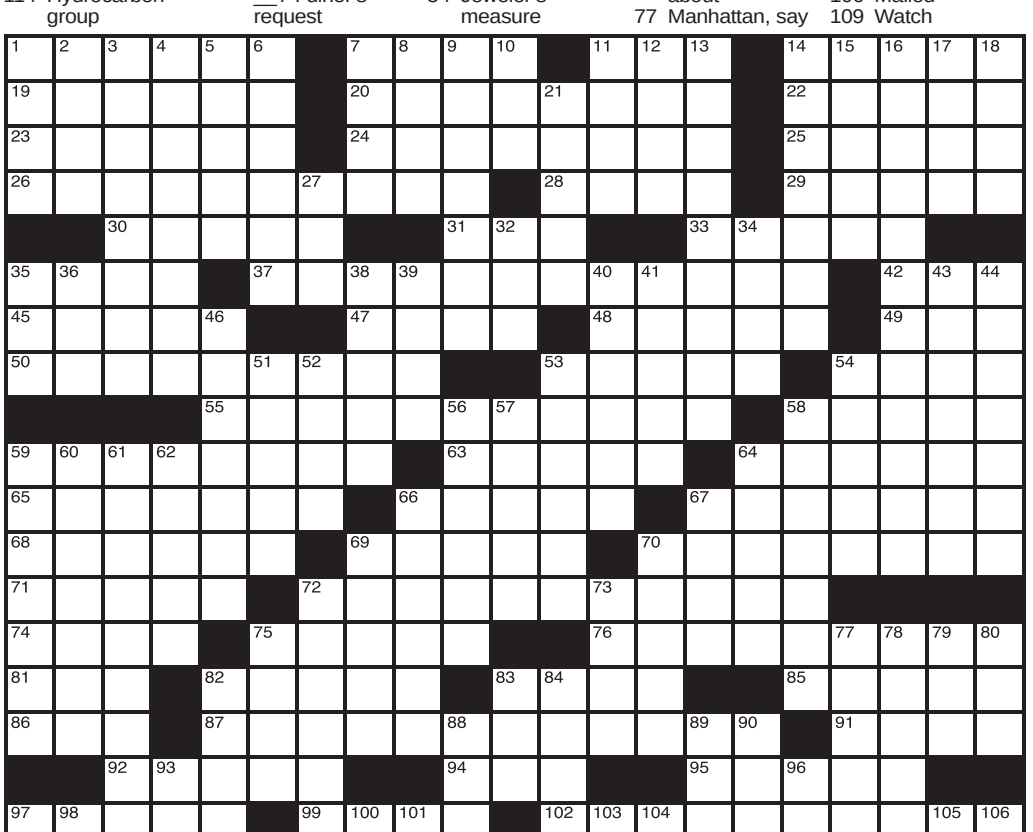

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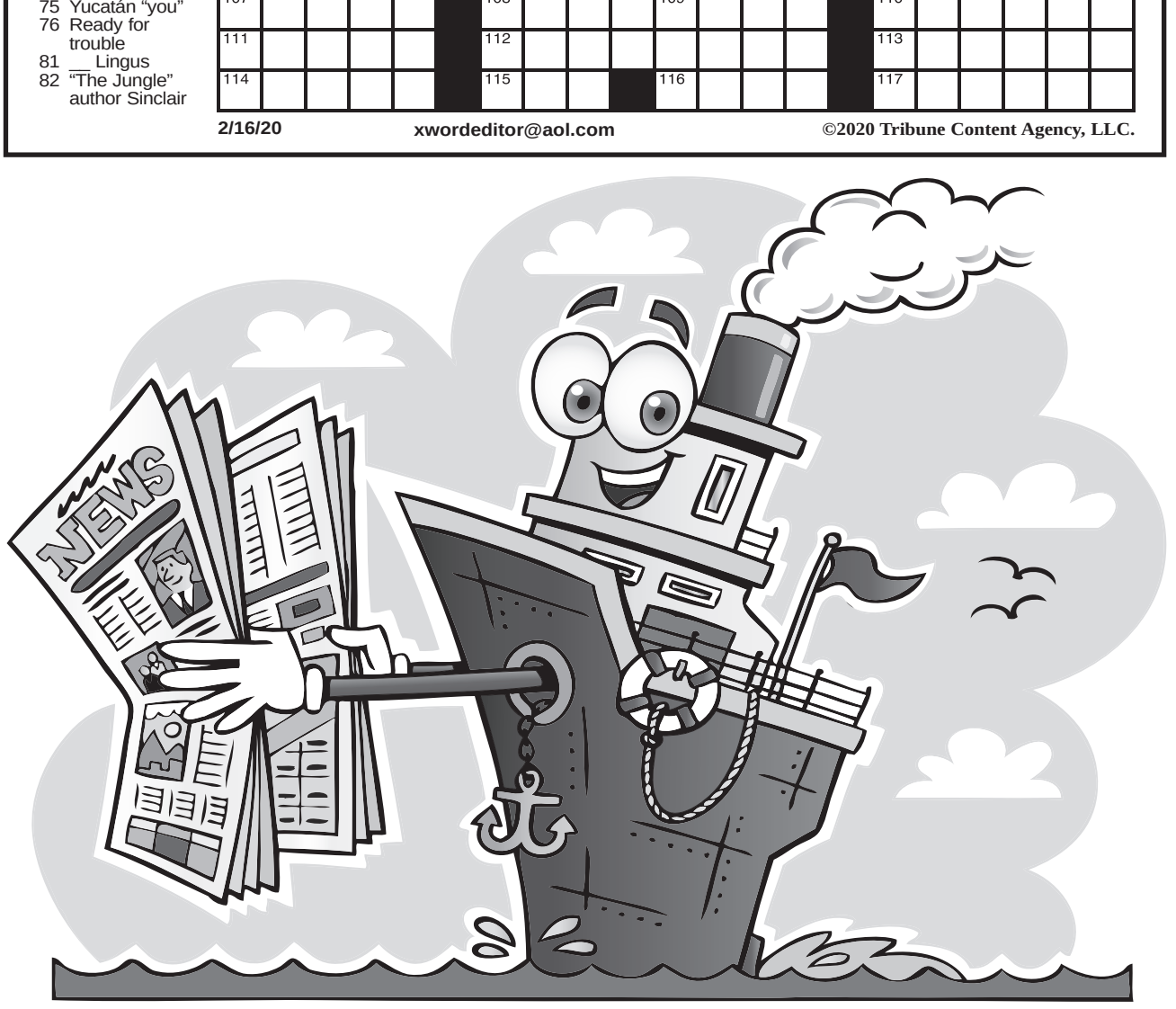

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Auto mechanics must provide their own tools

DEAR CAR TALK: I'm just starting out in the auto repair business and working for a dealership.

It strikes me as odd that this seems to be one of the only professions where you have to provide your own tools to work in the field.

Why don't more garages and dealerships provide company-owned tools for their technicians? – Tyler

DEAR TYLER: Because you guys would steal them.

It'd be like pens at any other workplace. Except replacing wrenches is a lot more expensive.

Ray Magliozzi
Car Talk

Plus, mechanics like to have their own tools. They like to use tools they're familiar with and trust. A lot of professionals do.

There are some tools that the shop provides for everybody. It's usually the big stuff. In addition to the lifts and tire machines and stuff like that, we'll also provide larger and less frequently used tools that are not practical for each mechanic to own.

Buying a set of professional tools is a major investment in your career. So you have to be sure you want to fix cars for a while.

Even the most basic set of tools from a good quality manufacturer is likely to cost you $20,000.

My one recommendation is that you buy a good quality set of tools. The cheaper tools will break, or even worse, they'll round off nuts and bolts. Consider taking out a loan if you have to.

DEAR CAR TALK: My husband and I disagree on how to take care of the exterior of our new, 2019 Toyota Corolla.

I am a hands-on person and prefer to hand-wash our vehicles. He is a fan of those brushes and slappy things at the local car wash. I think they are a bit rough on the finish.

We are in our 70s and this will most likely be our last major vehicle purchase. This is especially so since we were lucky enough to get one of the last Toyotas with a CD player. We're not selling it!

So, which of us is going to win this argument? Do I get to hand-wash it, or does he get to go watch those slappy things hit our car?

Also, any car washing tips you'd like to share? – Virginia

DEAR VIRGINIA: There's little doubt that hand-washing a car is gentler on the car's finish than a machine wash that uses brushes and slappy things. There's also an argument to be made that, if you're doing it yourself, you'll do a better job and pay more attention to the details.

I also like it because it gives you some exercise. It takes a surprising amount of bending, twisting and polishing, and it's probably pretty good for you. Especially if you're in your 70s and aren't playing a lot of one-on-one hoops anymore.

The only downside is that it uses more water than a commercial car wash. How can that be? Well, these days, commercial car washes are required to capture and recycle the water they use. So even though your car drives through a virtual rainstorm, the overall use of water is not that great.

If you live in an area where wasting water is looked down upon, you can combat that with some newer products called "waterless car washes."

A "waterless car wash" is essentially a spray that you apply to one section of the car at a time, and then use a clean rag to wipe off the dirt. In terms of how to wash the car, you'll find lots of how-to videos on YouTube these days.

In general, it's best to wash a car in the shade, so the car's finish isn't hot. Use a bunch of clean, microfiber towels. And make sure you change or rinse them frequently, so you're not scratching the car's surface with dirt that you wiped off another section of the car.

We've also had some good luck with a product called Meguiar's Hybrid Ceramic Spray Wax. It's a spray on, rinse off wax that's very easy to use and leaves the car with a really nice shine, not to mention a layer of wax protection.

In terms of getting your husband to let you have your way with the car, frankly, if you're willing to do the work of washing the car, I don't see why your husband should object. He's getting a clean car, you're getting some exercise and fresh air, and you're both saving some money.

The only exception I would make is if you live in a part of the country where it snows. In that case, a week or so after a snowstorm, you might want to let him take the car through a commercial car wash to clean any road salt off the undercarriage.

Got a question about cars? Write to Ray Magliozzi in care of King Features, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803, or email him by visiting the Car Talk website: www.cartalk.com.

Naming cars: It's complicated

Dar Davis

The inspiration for today's column came a few days back as I drove home on Niles Road from my daily YMCA visit. Ahead of me was a first generation Cadillac crossover and for a few moments I couldn't conjure up its name. Was it the XLR? No, that didn't sound right. I'm thinking the XLR was the name Cadillac gave their Corvette-based sports car. I knew the crossover had the letter X in its name because it came with four-wheel drive. Finally SRX popped into my head. Aha! Bingo! I remembered! But the question can be raised – isn't it a bad idea to give a name to a vehicle that even a car nut like me can't pull up in an instant? I mean, what does SRX stand for?

So today it's a discussion about car names and my observations about how the auto industry minions go about the nomenclature business. It seems sometimes they get it really, really right (hello Mustang and Chevy Impala) and sometimes they get it really, really wrong (hello Edsel). I'm going to share some of my long-held observations about the whole naming business of new automotive models.

I've commented negatively in past columns about my disdain for vehicles with alpha-numeric names. It may just be a problem for me because as I age I'm finding it harder and harder to remember a car name if it isn't short and memorable. For example, does Mercedes-Benz GLC AMG 67 T roll off one's tongue? No, for me at least, it's hard to remember all those letters and numbers. Now the same vehicle if christened Mercedes-Benz "Danube" is another story. Get the drift? To prepare for this article I didn't spend hours studying the history of car names, but I do know that almost from the get-go back in the early 1900s that automakers have liked to use both letters and/or numbers in their vehicle's name. Henry Ford introduced early on a number of models using a letter in the alphabet including the A, B, C, F, K and S. He hit the jackpot in 1908 with the Model T after failing with the previous letter cars. Later on, all kinds of inspiration were used for car names. GM kind of shook up the industry (and Ford Motor Co.) when in 1915 it introduced the Chevy 490. The 490 being the number of dollars needed to buy the car. It was priced close to the Model T but it offered a number of advancements that the popular Ford model did not have, and the Chevy sold surprisingly well. Must I remind readers that it is easy to remember the names Model T and 409.

In the past the name of a car also reflected its top speed or its horsepower. Examples include the Buick Century (sort of its top speed) and the Chrysler 300 (first U.S. car with 300 horsepower). The point here is that using numbers and letters go way back, but the letters or numbers used back then at least made some sense in telling us the order the model was introduced or the speed or horsepower of the vehicle.

Over time domestic automakers, especially by mid-20th century, had shifted from using simple numbers and single letters for identifying their vehicles to using mostly names to identify their various brand's nameplates. Inspiration for automotive names varied, from using made-up names (like the Toyota Camry, Ford Fairmont and Olds Toronado) to exotic locales (like Chevy Bel Air, Mercury Monterey and Chrysler Aspen). Fauna and aqua critter names have given the industry a plethora of choices (like the Ford Mustang, Chevy Impala and Plymouth Barracuda).

In recent decades the drift by U.S. automakers away from using names for their vehicles, especially luxury brands, was driven by the enormous success of German luxury automakers like BMW, Audi and Mercedes-Benz. During the era when I was growing up it seems that many of the European automakers seemed to prefer using numbers over names for their models. When Japanese automakers Toyota and Nissan entered the luxury market with Lexus and Infiniti in 1989, it was expected they would follow the lead of the Euro lux makes and use alpha-numeric names. In Lexus dealers we found the LS 400 and ES 250 models, and Infiniti went with the Q45 and M30. Oddly enough, Honda with Acura three years earlier, in 1986, followed the Detroit naming model instead and offered the Legend and Integra.

For some reason automakers, and especially European brands, have favored using weather phenomenon names for their car models. Remember the Chrysler "cloud" cars from 1996? First the Chrysler Cirrus and Dodge Stratus arrived in dealers, followed shortly by the Plymouth Breeze. Ford offered Mercury Cyclones (rotating wind) and GMC made performance trucks named the Syclone (spelled wrong to avoid trademark infringement with the Mercury model) and the Typhoon (tropical storms in Indian and Western Pacific). Back in the late 1930s and again in recent time, Ford Motor divisions used the Zephyr (soft gentle breeze) name successfully. VW has been especially busy coming up with weather-related names for their cars. Remember the VW Scirocco sporty car (hot Libyan wind)? Sold in overseas markets by VW is the Bora (Adrian Sea area) which is sold here in the states as the Golf (Gulf stream). VW's Passat (German trade wind) is sold domestically and worldwide. Supercar brands also prefer naming their models using weather-inspired names. Maserati has offered the Mistral (strong wind in the Rhone Valley to the Mediterranean), Ghibli (Tunisian wind), Khamsin (Egyptian wind), Bora (See VW Bora), Lavante (winds near Gibraltar in Mediterranean) and Shamal (wind in Middle East).

Whether using alpha-numeric or words are best for identifying a make or model can be argued ad nauseum. While I prefer words, I see the alpha-numeric advantage – oftentimes the name reveals to a serious car guy or gal what exactly resides under the sheet metal of a vehicle. When you see a mid-1980s E30 BMW 325 iX chrome nameplate on the Bavarian car's trunk, it says "I'm a 3-series (meaning executive compact) sedan with a 2.5-litre engine and it has fuel injection plus all-wheel drive. I admit seeing a Chevy Impala nameplate isn't too informative but, dang, Impala rolls over the tongue nicer that 325iX. And that is the point of my writing this column. I'm all in for a return to using words for car names. Cadillac and Lincoln have apparently read my mind. Both are abandoning their alpha-numeric naming strategy and are returning to using lovely names for their entire lineup of vehicles. Joining the long-popular Navigator SUV in the Lincoln lineup this past year are three crossovers with the names Aviator, Nautilus and Corsair. Gone are the MK monikers. Cadillac announced that it, too, will return to using names again, instead of the alpha-numeric application. I wonder what elegant names Cadillac will come up with for their renamed models? Maybe they'll go with using weather-derived names. I just hope they don't pick Cirrocumulus or Altostratus. Both have a nice ring to them but they are nearly impossible to spell and a mouthful to pronounce. I'm betting the names Eldorado, Seville, deVille and Biarittz have crossed their mind.

Trivia answer: For one year only, the entry level 1958 Chevy Yeoman station wagon. It came in both two and four-door models with prices starting about $2,500.

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Perhaps the winner of the "pick a great name for a car" contest would be Chevrolet. It's Impala nameplate, named after an African antelope, has found millions of buyers since its introduction in 1958. The 1965 Impala (shown) sold over one million copies, making it most likely the most successful nameplate ever sold in one year, with the exception of the Ford Model T.

The poor lamented 1958 Edsel is on nearly everyone's list of cars with unfortunate names. It's a favorite of Dar's, but the combination of a rather unusual name (Henry Ford's son was named Edsel) and that "Olds sucking a lemon" grille simply did in the all-new mid-priced car and it was discontinued after just over two years.

Trivia Question

What year, make and model offered the nameplate Yeoman?

BEHIND THE WHEEL

Four sporty SUVs for under $45,000

By WILL KAUFMAN
Edmunds (AP)

Just about every luxury automaker offers a high-performance version of one of its SUVs these days. But not everyone can afford a $70,000 Porsche Cayenne, let alone a $200,000 Lamborghini Urus.

To serve more mainstream buyers, some non-luxury brand automakers have begun to offer sporty SUVs, too. These are the models you'll want to consider if you want a sports car but life dictates you have to own a SUV.

Our testing and review experts have put together a list of four relatively new or recently updated SUVs with high fun potential and suggested retail pricing of under $45,000.

These SUVs typically have special trim levels that have high-horsepower engines for quick acceleration and sport-tuned suspensions and gripper tires for enhanced handling potential. Pricing for the recommended trim levels includes destination fees.

2020 Hyundai Kona Limited

Manufacturer's suggested retail price: $27,220

Subcompact SUVs are becoming more popular, but most are a bit too underpowered to be considered sporty. Hyundai fixes that problem with its 2020 Kona.

Starting with the Limited trim level, the Kona comes with a strong 175-horsepower turbocharged engine and a quick-shifting transmission that help it accelerate fast. The Kona is also light and nimble when going around turns.

As is typical for Hyundai, the Kona comes with a number of features for the price. On the Limited, you'll find LED headlights, leather upholstery and a sunroof, for instance.

Because it's a subcompact SUV, the Kona has a fairly small rear seat and cargo area, but it is still a practical vehicle compared to the more typical sport sedan.

2020 Mazda CX-5 Grand Touring Reserve

MSRP: $36,180

Mazda CX-5 is engaging and enjoyable to drive, and while it's not quite as roomy as similar small SUVs such as the Toyota RAV4, it has composed ride and handling abilities that make it fun to pilot around town as well as along a twisty road.

The CX-5 is also one of the quickest small SUVs you can buy if you get the optional 250-horsepower turbocharged engine that's standard starting on the Grand Touring Reserve trim.

You don't really need it to enjoy the CX-5's sporty character, but if you do choose to spend more, you'll also get an upscale, near-luxury experience.

The Mazda is filled with premium materials, an excellent sound system and comfortable seats.

2020 Mini John Cooper Works Countryman All4

Starting MSRP: $42,250

As with other small SUVs we've chosen for this list, handling is a real strength of the Countryman. In any trim, this diminutive SUV will prove adept at tackling your favorite curvy road with precision and athleticism.

Notably, Mini is making the most powerful Countryman ever for 2020, offering a 301-horsepower engine. It comes in the sport-tuned John Cooper Works version.

There are a few downsides. Even though it's already bigger than you might expect a Mini to be, the Countryman is relatively small for an SUV. It can also get pricey.

While prices start at less than $30,000, they can push $50,000 if you want a loaded-up John Cooper Works. Yet optioning up a Countryman can be part of the appeal – few other non-luxury automakers let you customize with special colors and accessories as much as Mini does.

2020 Ford Edge ST

MSRP: $44,360

The Edge is Ford's midsize SUV. It's the biggest model on our list, which means it's not as nimble or quick to dive into turns. But it's fair to say that the Edge ST more than makes up for that deficiency.

Armed with a turbocharged V6 making 335 horsepower, it is quicker to accelerate than most other rival SUVs. It also comes with a sport-tuned suspension, more powerful brakes and unique styling changes.

Negatives include a firm ride quality and less-than-ideal outward visibility. The ST is also the Edge's most expensive trim level. But you do get a lot of features besides the sporty upgrades, such as a hands-free liftgate, leather upholstery, adaptive cruise control and a premium sound system.

Resolution to Authorize Issuance of 2020 Water Supply System Junior Lien Revenue Bonds
CITY OF ST. JOSEPH
(Berrien County, Michigan)
RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF
2020 WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM JUNIOR LIEN REVENUE BONDS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended (the "Act") the City Commission of the City St. Joseph (the "City") has determined to make improvements to the City's Water Supply System; and

WHEREAS, the improvements will enable the City to provide more efficient and better quality public services to the users of the Water Supply System; and

WHEREAS, the cost of making the improvements is estimated to be $1,585,000; and

WHEREAS, the improvements shall be financed in part by the issuance of revenue bonds or other evidences of indebtedness in accordance with the Act in the sum of not to exceed $1,585,000 for a period of not to exceed thirty (30) years; and

WHEREAS, the Act permits the City to authorize, within limitations which shall be contained in the authorization resolution, an officer to sell, deliver and receive payment for obligations, and to approve interest rates or methods for fixing interest rates, prices, discounts, maturities, principal amounts, denominations, dates of issuance, interest payment dates, optional or mandatory redemption rights or tender rights, obligations to be exercised by the City or the holder of the bonds, place of delivery and payment, and other matters and procedures necessary to complete an authorized transaction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1.DEFINITIONS. Except as provided in this Resolution, the definitions contained in the Prior Resolution (defined below) shall apply to the terms in this Resolution. In addition, whenever used in this Resolution except when otherwise indicated by context, the following definitions shall apply to the terms in this Resolution:
(a) "Authorized Officer" means the Mayor, the City Manager and the Finance Director of the City, or any one or more of them.
(b) "Authority" means the Michigan Finance Authority created by Executive Order 2010-2, which, among other things, transferred to the Michigan Finance Authority the powers, duties and functions of the Michigan Municipal Bond Authority, created and established pursuant to Act 227, Public Acts of Michigan, 1985, as amended.
(c) . . . . . ."Bonds" as defined in the Prior Resolution shall include the Series 2020 Bonds which are being issued as Additional Junior Lien Bonds under Section 23 of the Prior Resolution.
(d) "Authority" means the Michigan Finance Authority created by Executive Order 2010-2, which, among other things, transferred to the Michigan Finance Authority the powers, duties and functions of the Michigan Municipal Bond Authority, created and established pursuant to Act 227, Public Acts of Michigan, 1985, as amended.
(e) "Construction Fund" shall mean the 2020 Water Supply System Junior Lien Revenue Bonds Construction Fund created pursuant to Section 13.
(f) "Contract Documents" means the Purchase Contract between the City and the Authority, the Supplemental Agreement by and among the City, the Authority and the State of Michigan acting through the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, and the Issuer's Certificate for the Series 2020 Bonds or such other closing documents required by the Authority for the issuance of the Series 2020 Bonds.
(g) "Improvements" means the design, acquisition and construction of improvements to the System, including improvements to the distribution system, including, but not limited to, improving, replacing existing water mains and installing new water mains, cutting and capping water main, and other water main work, replacement of fire hydrants and gate valves, replacement of service lines, the restoration of streets, sidewalks, rights-of-way and easements affected by the improvements and related facilities, as well as all work and equipment necessary or incidental to these improvements.
(h) "Prior Resolution" means Resolution 09-32 as supplemented by Resolution 2018-98.
(i) "Resolution" means this Resolution and all amendments hereto.
(j) "Series 2020 Bonds" means the City's 2020 Water Supply System Junior Lien Revenue Bonds issued pursuant to this Resolution.

Section 2.NECESSITY, PUBLIC PURPOSE: It is hereby determined to be necessary for the public health, safety and welfare of the City to acquire and construct the Improvements to the System in accordance with the maps, plans and specifications therefore prepared by the City's engineers, which are hereby approved.

Section 3.ESTIMATED COST; PERIOD OF USEFULNESS: The cost of the Improvements has been estimated by the engineers to be approximately $1,585,000 including the payment of legal, engineering, financial and other expenses, which estimate of cost is approved and confirmed, and the period of usefulness of the Improvements is estimated to be greater than thirty (30) years.

Section 4.ISSUANCE OF BONDS. To pay a portion of the cost of acquiring and constructing the Improvements and to pay the legal and financial expenses and all other expenses incidental to the issuance of the Series 2020 Bonds, the City shall borrow the sum of not to exceed $1,585,000 and issue its revenue bonds pursuant to the provisions of the Act. The Series 2020 Bonds shall be issued in the aggregate principal sum of not to exceed $1,585,000, as finally determined by the Authorized Officer at the time of sale, or such lesser amount thereof as shall have been advanced to the City pursuant to the Contract Documents.
During the time funds are being drawn down by the City under the Series 2020 Bonds, the Authority will periodically provide the City a statement showing the amount of principal that has been advanced and the date of each advance, which statement shall constitute prima facie evidence of the reported information; provided that no failure on the part of the Authority to provide such a statement or to reflect a disbursement or the correct amount of a disbursement shall relieve the City of its obligation to repay the outstanding principal amount actually advanced, all accrued interest thereon, and any other amount payable with respect thereto in accordance with the terms of the Series 2020 Bonds.

Section 5.SERIES 2020 BOND TERMS. The Series 2020 Bonds shall be issued as one fully registered manuscript bond, shall be sold and delivered to the Authority in any denomination. The Series 2020 Bonds shall be dated the date of delivery to the Authority, or such other date approved by the Authorized Officer, and shall be payable on the dates determined by the Authorized Officer at the time of sale provided the final maturity shall be no later than thirty years after the date of issuance. The Series 2020 Bonds shall bear interest at a rate as provided in the Contract Documents, payable semiannually on the dates determined by the Authorized Officer at the time of sale.
Notwithstanding the above, the final amount of any maturity and terms of the Series 2020 Bonds shall be as provided in the Contract Documents and will be finally determined by the Authorized Officer.

Section 6.PAYMENT OF BONDS; PLEDGE OF NET REVENUES. As provided in Section 6 of the Prior Resolution, the principal of and interest on the Series 2020 Bonds, as Additional Junior Lien Bonds, shall be payable from the Net Revenues derived from the operation of the System, including future improvements, enlargements and extensions thereof, after provision has been made for the payment of expenses of administration, operation and maintenance thereof and the Net Revenues of the System, including future enlargements, improvements, and extensions thereto, are hereby pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Series 2020 Bonds. To secure the payment of the principal of and interest on the Series 2020 Bonds there is hereby created a lien, which shall be a statutory lien pursuant to the Act, to and in favor of the Bondholders of the Series 2020 Bonds upon the Net Revenues of the System, including future enlargements, improvements, and extensions thereof, which is a junior lien of equal standing and priority with respect to the Net Revenues of the System securing other outstanding Junior Lien Bonds, but subordinate to the first lien on the Net Revenues of the System securing any First Lien Bonds. The Net Revenues so pledged shall be and remain subject to such lien until the payment in full of the principal of and interest on the Series 2020 Bonds or until Bonds are defeased as provided in the Prior Resolution.
The Series 2020 Bonds, including both principal and interest thereon, shall not be a general obligation of the City and shall not constitute an indebtedness of the City for the purpose of any debt limitations imposed by any constitutional, statutory or charter provisions.

Section 7.PRIOR REDEMPTION: The Series 2020 Bonds issued and sold to the Authority shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity by the City only with the prior written consent of the Authority and on such terms as may be required by the Authority.

Section 8. PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRATION.
(a) Appointment of Paying Agent. The initial Paying Agent for the Series 2020 Bonds shall be the City Treasurer.
(b) Authority's Depository. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Resolution, so long as the Authority is the owner of the Series 2020 Bonds, (a) the Series 2020 Bonds are payable as to principal, premium, if any, and interest in lawful money of the United States of America at The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N. A., or at such other place as shall be designated in writing to the City by the Authority (the "Authority's Depository"); (b) the City agrees that it will deposit with the Authority's Depository payments of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Series 2020 Bonds in immediately available funds by 12:00 noon at least five business days prior to the date on which any such payment is due whether by maturity, redemption or otherwise; in the event that the Authority's Depository has not received the City's deposit by 12:00 noon on the scheduled day, the City shall immediately pay to the Authority as invoiced by the Authority an amount to recover the Authority's administrative costs and lost investment earnings attributable to that late payment; and (c) written notice of any redemption of the Series 2020 Bonds shall be given by the City and received by the Authority's Depository at least 40 days prior to the date on which such redemption is to be made.

Section 9.SALE OF BONDS. The Series 2020 Bonds shall be sold to the Authority. The City determines that a negotiated sale to the Authority is in the best interest of the City because the terms offered by the Authority are more favorable than those available from other sources of funding.

Section 10.BOND FORM: The Series 2020 Bonds shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, and incorporated herein, with such completions, changes and additions as may be required by the Authority or as recommended by the City 's Bond Counsel and approved by the officers of the City signing the Series 2020 Bonds.

Section 11.AUTHORIZED OFFICER: The Authorized Officer is hereby designated, for and on behalf of the City, to do all acts and to take all necessary steps required to effectuate the sale, issuance and delivery of the Series 2020 Bonds to the Authority. The Authorized Officer is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Contract Documents in substantially the form presented at this meeting, with such changes, additions and completions as are approved by the Authorized Officer. The City hereby approves the Contract Documents in the form presented by the Authority with such changes as are approved by the Authorized Officer. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Resolution, the Authorized Officer is authorized within the limitations of this Resolution to determine the specific interest rate or rates to be borne by the bonds, not exceeding the maximum rate allowed by law, the principal amount, interest payment dates, dates of maturities, and amount of maturities, redemption rights, the title of the Series 2020 Bonds, date of issuance, and other terms and conditions relating to the Series 2020 Bonds and the sale thereof provided, however, the last annual principal installment shall not be more than thirty years from the date of issuance of the Series 2020 Bonds. The Authorized Officer's approval of the terms shall be evidenced by his or her signature on the document or agreement stating such terms. The Authorized Officer is hereby authorized for and on behalf of the City, without further City Commission approval, to do all acts and take all necessary steps required to effectuate the sale, issuance, and delivery of the Series 2020 Bonds. The Authorized Officer, together with the Treasurer, or any one or more of them, are authorized to execute any orders, receipts, agreements, pledge agreements, documents or certificates necessary to complete the transaction, including, but not limited to, any issuers certificate, any certificates relating to federal or state securities laws, rules or regulations, any applications to the Michigan Department of Treasury, and any revenue sharing pledge agreement. The City hereby approves the Revenue Sharing Pledge Agreements in the form presented by the Authority, with such changes as are approved by the Authorized Officer, and authorizes the Authorized Officer to execute and deliver the Revenue Sharing Pledge Agreement if it is required by the Authority.

Section 12.EXECUTION OF BONDS: The Mayor or the Mayor Pro Tem and the Clerk or the Deputy Clerk of the City are hereby authorized and directed to sign the Series 2020 Bonds, either manually or by facsimile signature, on behalf of the City. Upon execution, the Series 2020 Bonds shall be delivered to the purchaser thereof.

Section 13.CONSTRUCTION FUND. The proceeds of the Series 2020 Bonds shall be deposited in the Construction Fund. Such moneys shall be used solely for the purpose for which the Series 2020 Bonds were issued. Any unexpected balance in the Construction Fund remaining after completion of the Improvements may be used for such purposes as allowed by law. After completion of the Improvements and disposition of remaining Series 2020 Bond proceeds, if any, pursuant to the provisions of this Section, the Construction Fund shall be closed.

Section 14.CONTRACT WITH BONDHOLDERS: The provisions of this Resolution shall constitute a contract between the City and the Bondholders from time to time, and after the issuance of any of such Series 2020 Bonds, no change, variation or alteration of the provisions of this Resolution may be made which would lessen the security for the Series 2020 Bonds. The provisions of this Resolution shall be enforceable by appropriate proceedings taken by such Bondholder, either at law or in equity.

Section 15.TAX COVENANT. The City covenants to comply with all requirements of the Code necessary to assure that the interest on the bonds will be and will remain excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. The Authorized Officer and other appropriate officials of the City are authorized to do all things necessary (including the making of such covenants of the City as shall be appropriate) to assure that the interest on the Bonds will be and will remain excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

Section 16.PUBLICATION AND RECORDATION. This Resolution shall be published once in full in a newspaper of general circulation in the City qualified under state law to publish legal notices, and the same shall be recorded in the records of the City and such recording authenticated by the signature of the City Clerk.

Section 17. RESOLUTION SUBJECT TO MICHIGAN LAW. The provisions of this Resolution are subject to the laws of the State of Michigan.

Section 18. SECTION HEADINGS. The section headings in this Resolution are furnished for convenience of reference only and shall not be considered to be a part of this Resolution.

Section 19.SEVERABILITY: If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Resolution.

Section 20.CONFLICT: Except as provided above, all Resolutions and Resolutions or parts thereof, insofar as the same may be in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict; provided, that the foregoing shall not operate to repeal any provision thereof, the repeal of which would impair the obligation on the Bonds or the Prior Bonds.

Section 21.EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION: Pursuant to Section 6 of the Act, this Resolution shall be approved on the date of first reading and this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

EXHIBIT A
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF BERRIEN

CITY OF ST. JOSEPH

2020 WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM JUNIOR LIEN REVENUE BONDS

Interest Rate	**Maturity Date**	**Date of Original Issue**
_____%	See Schedule I	_____, 2020

Registered Owner: Michigan Finance Authority
Principal Amount:_____Dollars ($_____)

The City of St. Joseph, Berrien County, Michigan (the "Issuer"), acknowledges itself indebted and, for value received, hereby promises to pay to the Registered Owner specified above, or registered assigns, out of the net revenues of the Water Supply System of the Issuer (the "System"), including all appurtenances, additions, extensions and improvements thereto after provision has been made for reasonable and necessary expenses of operation, maintenance and administration of the System (the "Net Revenues"), the amounts and on the Dates of Maturity set forth on Schedule I hereto, together with interest thereon from the dates of receipt of such funds, or such later date to which interest has been paid, at the Interest Rate per annum specified above, first payable on _____ 1, 20__, and semiannually thereafter on the first day of April and October of each year, except as the provisions hereinafter set forth with respect to redemption of this Bond prior to maturity may become applicable hereto.

The Issuer promises to pay to the Michigan Finance Authority (the "Authority") the principal amount of this Bond or so much thereof as shall have been advanced to the Issuer pursuant to a Purchase Contract between the Issuer and the Authority and a Supplemental Agreement by and among the Issuer, the Authority and the State of Michigan acting through the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy.

During the time funds are being drawn down by the Issuer under this Bond, the Authority will periodically provide the Issuer a statement showing the amount of principal that has been advanced and the date of each advance, which statement shall constitute prima facie evidence of the reported information; provided that no failure on the part of the Authority to provide such a statement or to reflect a disbursement or the correct amount of a disbursement shall relieve the Issuer of its obligation to repay the outstanding principal amount actually advanced, all accrued interest thereon, and any other amount payable with respect thereto in accordance with the terms of this Bond.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Bond, so long as the Authority is the owner of this Bond, (a) this Bond is payable as to principal, premium, if any, and interest at The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N. A., or at such other place as shall be designated in writing to the Issuer by the Authority (the "Authority's Depository"); (b) the Issuer agrees that it will deposit with the Authority's Depository payments of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on this Bond in immediately available funds by 12:00 noon at least five business days prior to the date on which any such payment is due whether by maturity, redemption or otherwise; in the event that the Authority's Depository has not received the Issuer's deposit by 12:00 noon on the scheduled day, the Issuer shall immediately pay to the Authority as invoiced by the Authority an amount to recover the Authority's administrative costs and lost investment earnings attributable to that late payment; and (c) written notice of any redemption of this Bond shall be given by the Issuer and received by the Authority's Depository at least 40 days prior to the date on which such redemption is to be made.

This Bond, being one fully registered manuscript bond, is issued in accordance with the provisions of Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended and a resolution adopted by the City Commission of the Issuer on August 17, 2009, February 6, 2012, April 8, 2013, August 13, 2018 and _____, 2020 (the "Resolution"), for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring and constructing improvements to the System. This Bond is a self-liquidating Bond, and is not a general obligation of the Issuer within any constitutional, statutory or charter limitation, but is payable, both as to principal and interest, solely from the Net Revenues of the System. The principal of and interest on this Bond are secured by a statutory lien on the Net Revenues.

The Issuer hereby covenants and agrees to fix, and maintain at all times while any of the Bonds shall be outstanding, such rates for service furnished by the System as shall be sufficient to provide for payment of the principal of and interest upon all such Bonds as and when the same become due and payable, to maintain a bond and interest Redemption Account and to provide for the payment of expenses of administration and operation and such expenses for maintenance of the System as are necessary to preserve the same in good repair and working order, and to provide for such other expenditures and funds for the System as are required by the Resolution. The statutory liens securing the Issuer's First Lien Bonds (as defined in the Resolution) are first liens that shall be superior to the lien on the Net Revenues securing this Bond. The Bonds of this series shall have equal standing with the Issuer's Junior Lien Bonds (as defined in the Resolution), and any Additional Junior Lien Bonds (as defined in the Resolution) that may be issued pursuant to the Resolution. Additional bonds of superior standing to the bonds of this series may be issued pursuant to the Resolution. For a complete statement of the revenues from which, and the conditions under which, this Bond is payable, a statement of the conditions under which additional bonds of equal or superior standing may hereafter be issued, and the general covenants and provisions pursuant to which this Bond is issued, reference is made to the Resolution.

Bonds of this series may be subject to redemption prior to maturity by the Issuer only with the prior written consent of the Authority and on such terms as may be required by the Authority.

In the event of a default in the payment of principal or interest hereon when due, whether at maturity, by redemption or otherwise, the amount of such default shall bear interest (the "additional interest") at a rate equal to the rate of interest which is two percent above the Authority's cost of providing funds (as determined by the Authority) to make payment on the bonds of the Authority issued to provide funds to purchase this Bond but in no event in excess of the maximum rate of interest permitted by law. The additional interest shall continue to accrue until the Authority has been fully reimbursed for all costs incurred by the Authority (as determined by the Authority) as a consequence of the Issuer's default. Such additional interest shall be payable on the interest payment date following demand of the Authority. In the event that (for reasons other than the default in the payment of any municipal obligation purchased by the Authority) the investment of amounts in the reserve account established by the Authority for the bonds of the Authority issued to provided funds to purchase this Bond fails to provide sufficient available funds (together with any other funds which may be made available for such purpose) to pay the interest on outstanding bonds of the Authority issued to fund such account, the Issuer shall and hereby agrees to pay on demand only the Issuer's pro rata share (as determined by the Authority) of such deficiency as additional interest on this Bond.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by law, precedent to and in the issuance of this Bond, exist and have been done and performed in regular and due time and form as required by law and that the total indebtedness of the Issuer including this Bond, does not exceed any charter, constitutional or statutory limitation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of St. Joseph, Berrien County, Michigan, by its City Commission, has caused this Bond to be signed, by the manual or facsimile signatures of its Mayor and City Clerk, all as of the _____ day of _____, 2020.

Michael C. Garey, Mayor

Denise Westfall, Clerk

TRANSFER

For value received, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto _____
(Tax Identification or Social Security No. _____) the within Bond and all rights thereunder, and hereby constitutes and appoints _____ attorney, to transfer the within Bond on the books kept for registration thereof by the Paying Agent, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Notice: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears on the registration books every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever.

Name of Issuer CITY OF ST. JOSEPH

DEQ Project No: _____

DEQ Approved Amount: $_____

SCHEDULE I

Based on the schedule provided below, unless revised as provided in this paragraph, repayment of principal of the Bond shall be made until the full amount advanced to the Issuer is repaid. In the event the Order of Approval issued by the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (the "Order") approves a principal amount of assistance less than the amount of the Bond delivered to the Authority, the Authority shall only disburse principal up to the amount stated in the Order. In the event (1) that the payment schedule approved by the Issuer and described below provides for payment of a total principal amount greater than the amount of assistance approved by the Order or (2) that less than the principal amount of assistance approved by the Order is disbursed to the Issuer by the Authority, the Authority shall prepare a new payment schedule, which shall be effective upon receipt by the Issuer.

Due Date	Amount of Principal Installment Due

Interest on the Bond shall accrue on principal disbursed by the Authority to the from the date principal is disbursed, until paid, at the rate of _____% per annum, payable _____ 1, 20__, and semi-annually thereafter.

The Issuer agrees that it will deposit with The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N. A., or at such other place as shall be designated in writing to the Issuer by the Authority (the "Authority's Depository") payments of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on this Bond in immediately available funds by 12:00 noon at least five business days prior to the date on which any such payment is due whether by maturity, redemption or otherwise. In the event that the Authority's Depository has not received the Issuer's deposit by 12:00 noon on the scheduled day, the Issuer shall immediately pay to the Authority as invoiced by the Authority an amount to recover the Bond Authority's administrative costs and lost investment earnings attributable to that late payment.

*Not to exceed amount. Loan reductions at close out will result in a proportional decrease.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Laura Goos, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: Lynn Todman, Commissioner
AYES: Garey, Richards, Goos, Todman
ABSENT: Getty

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF BERRIEN)

I, Denise Westfall, the duly qualified and appointed Clerk of the City of St. Joseph, Berrien County, Michigan do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of action adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held on February 10, 2020 the original of which is on file in my office. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this February 10, 2020.

Denise Westfall, City Clerk
City of St. Joseph

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- Many Updates Have Been Done

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- Very Well Maintained Ranch Home
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- Large Kitchen with Extended Countertop

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171 E. Empire Ave. **$17,500**
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- Great Starter or Investment Home
- Close to Benton Harbor High School
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13814 Tamara Lane **$339,000**
Harbert
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- Ride your bike to Lake Michigan
- 12' x 14' Screened Porch
- Open Floor Plan

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11068 Riverview Dr. **$875,000**
New Buffalo
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- Kitchen Features Cambria Quartz Countertops
- Entire Home is Prewired for a Stereo System

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St. Joseph **VACANT LAND**
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- A Must See in a Desirable Neighborhood

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425 W Buffalo St. **$245,000**
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- Key Commercial Property
- Zoned Central Business District
- Currently a Mixed use Multiple Tenants Situation
- Includes Billboard with a State of Michigan Permit

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- Main floor Laundry and Master Suite
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- Completely Surrounded by Farmland
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- Built-In Breakfast Nook

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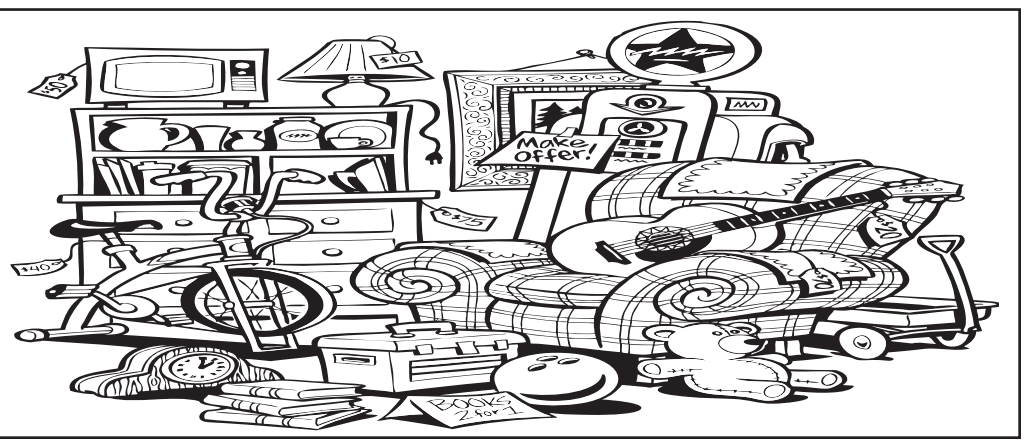

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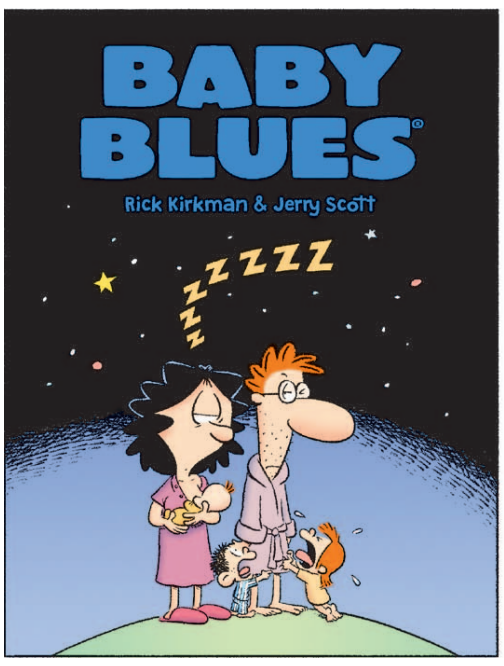

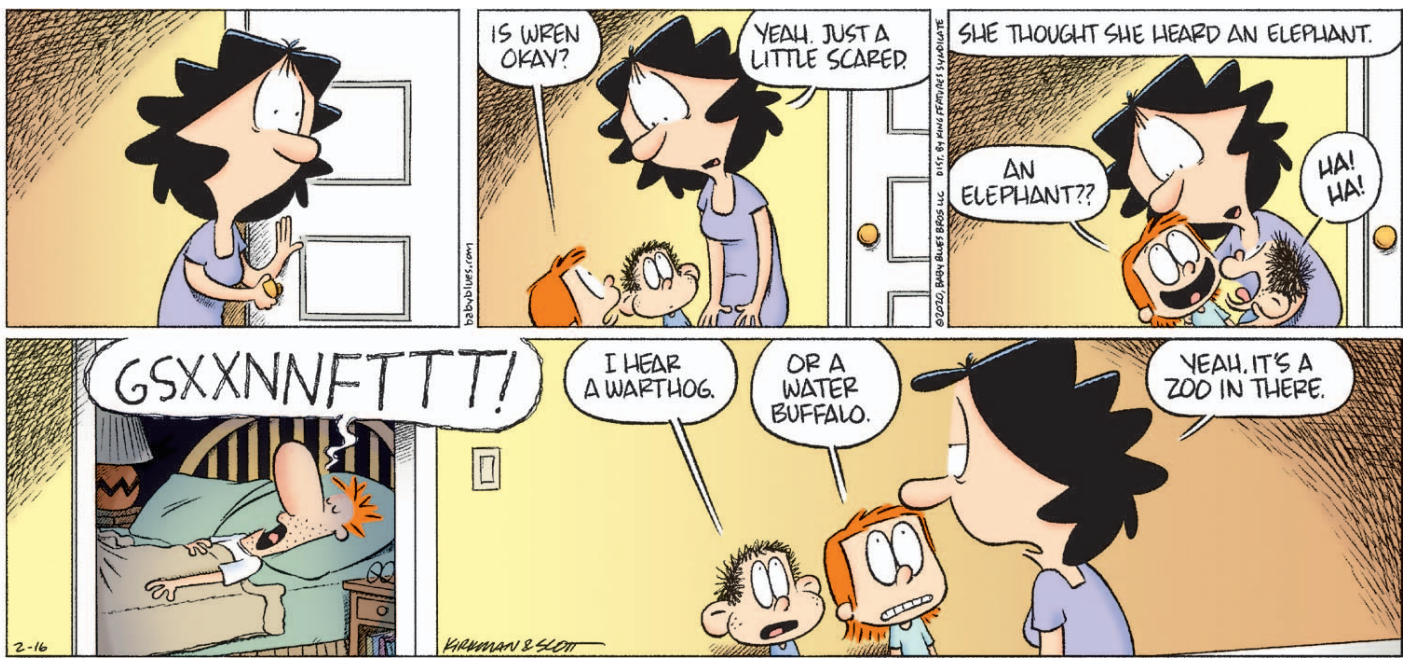

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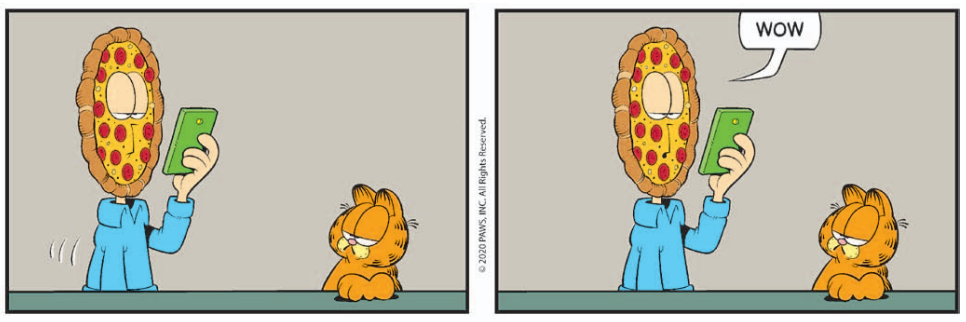

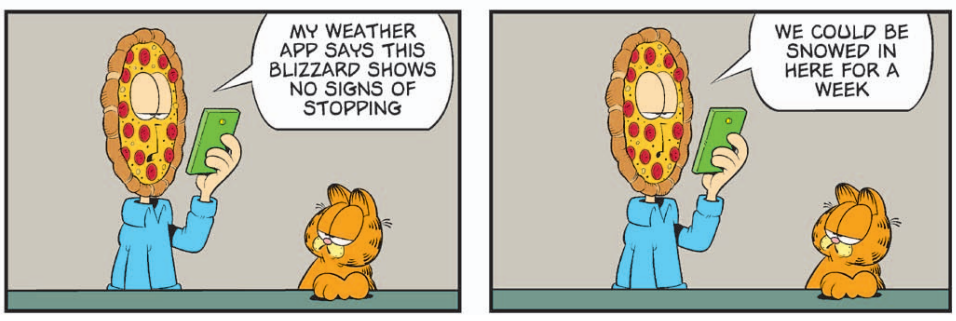
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WE COULD BE SNOWED IN HERE FOR A WEEK
WHAT?
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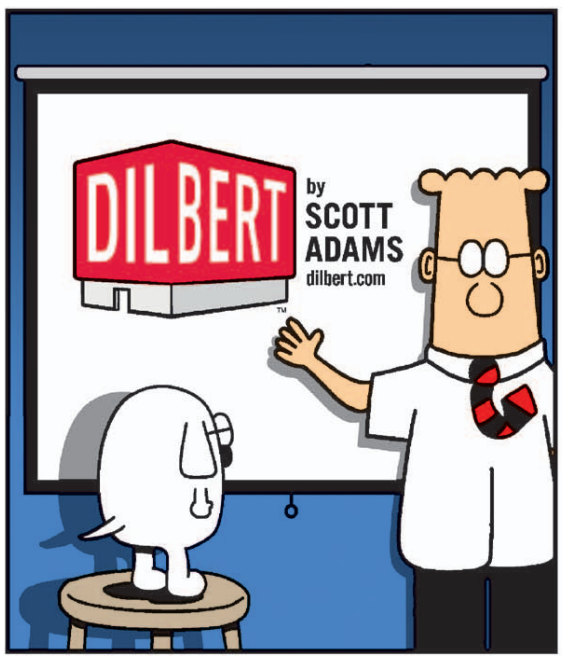

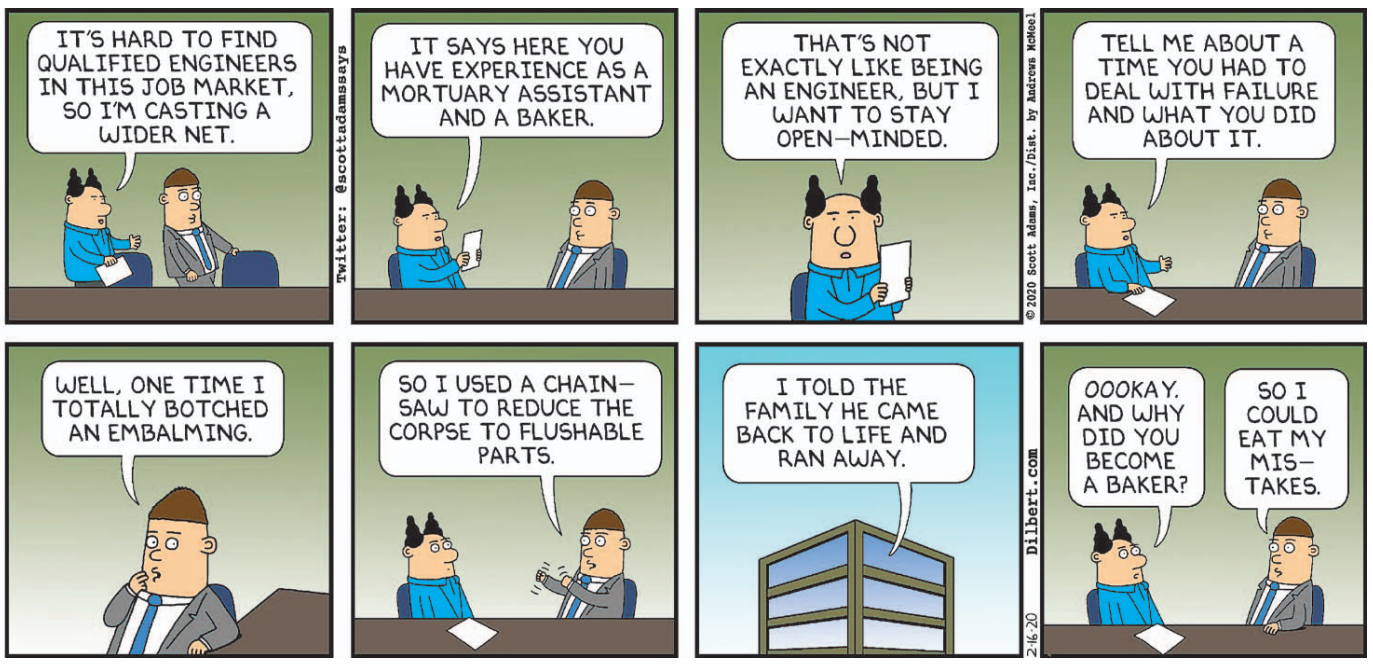
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THAT'S NOT EXACTLY LIKE BEING AN ENGINEER, BUT I WANT TO STAY OPEN-MINDED.
TELL ME ABOUT A TIME YOU HAD TO DEAL WITH FAILURE AND WHAT YOU DID ABOUT IT.
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WELL, ONE TIME I TOTALLY BOTCHED AN EMBALMING.
SO I USED A CHAIN-SAW TO REDUCE THE CORPSE TO FLUSHABLE PARTS.
I TOLD THE FAMILY HE CAME BACK TO LIFE AND RAN AWAY.
OOOKAY. AND WHY DID YOU BECOME A BAKER?
SO I COULD EAT MY MIS-TAKES.
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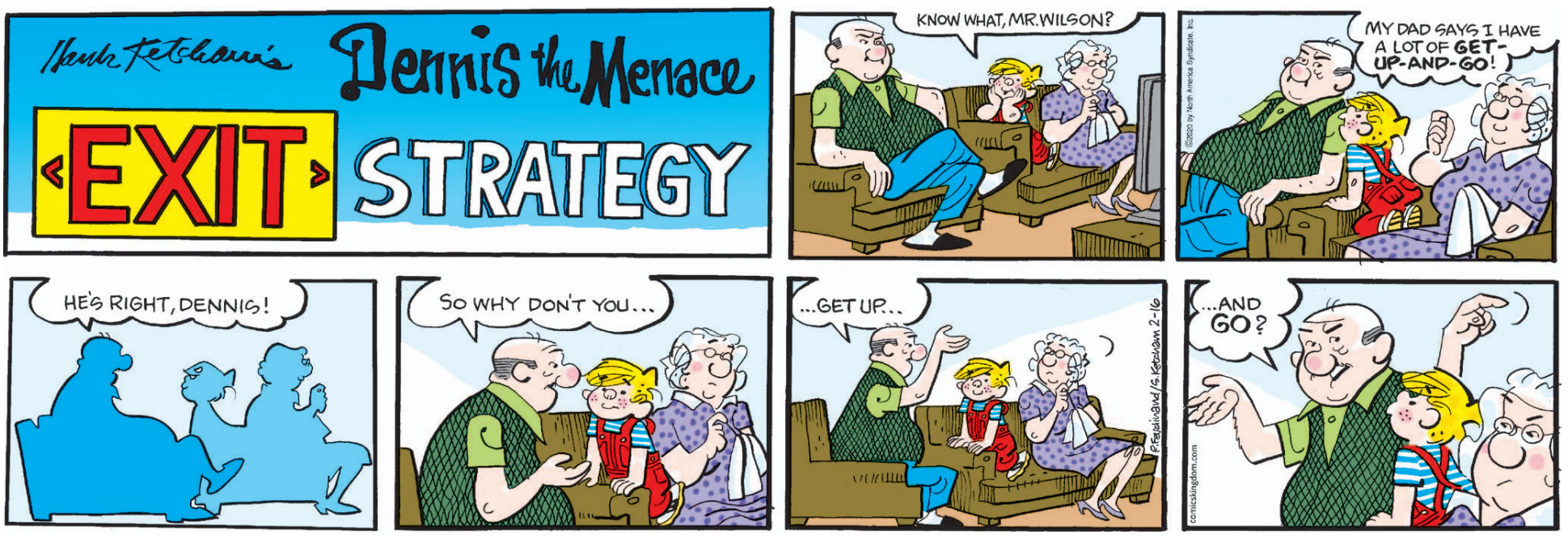
Dennis the Menace — EXIT STRATEGY

Hank Ketcham's



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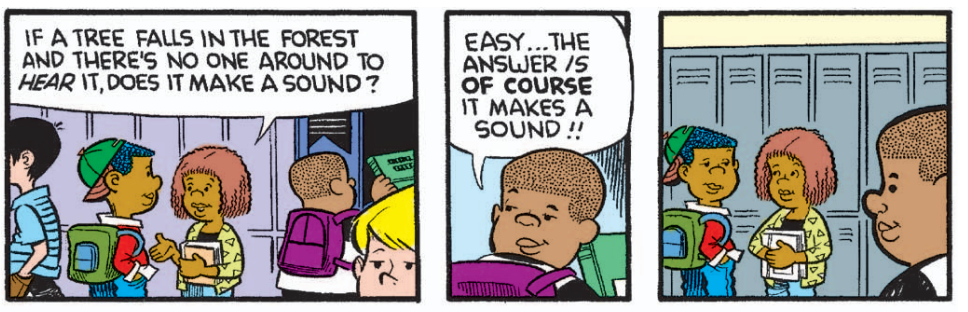
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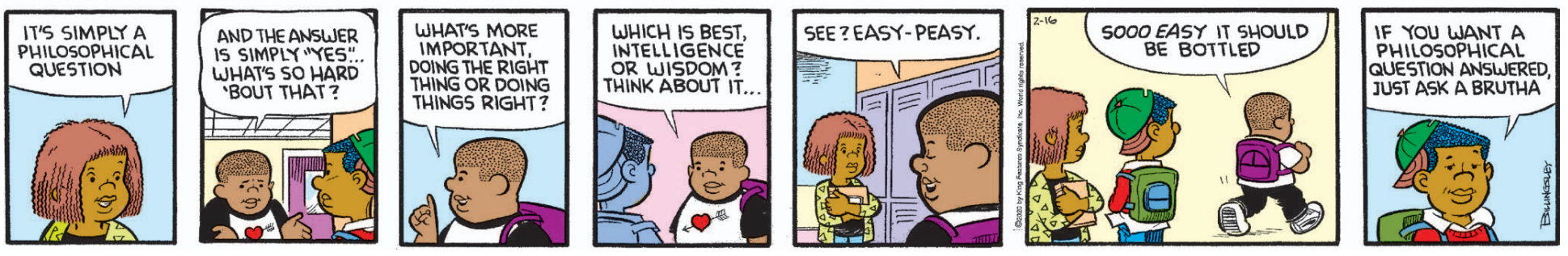
EASY...THE ANSWER IS OF COURSE IT MAKES A SOUND!!


IT'S SIMPLY A PHILOSOPHICAL QUESTION
AND THE ANSWER IS SIMPLY "YES"... WHAT'S SO HARD 'BOUT THAT?
WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT, DOING THE RIGHT THING OR DOING THINGS RIGHT?
WHICH IS BEST, INTELLIGENCE OR WISDOM? THINK ABOUT IT...
SEE? EASY-PEASY.
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SOOO EASY IT SHOULD BE BOTTLED
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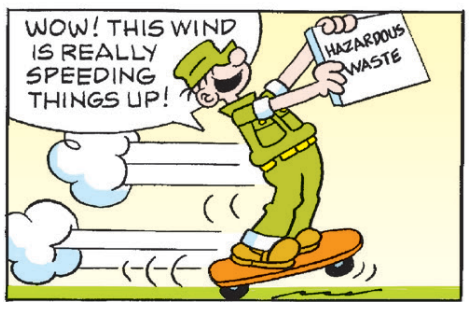

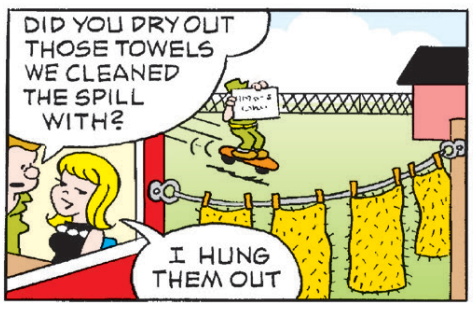

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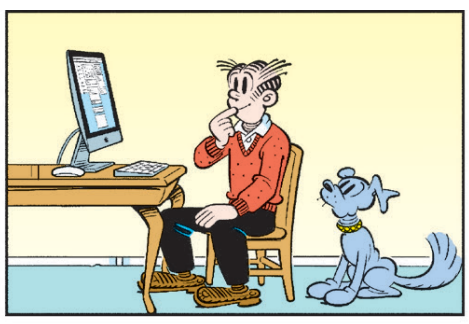

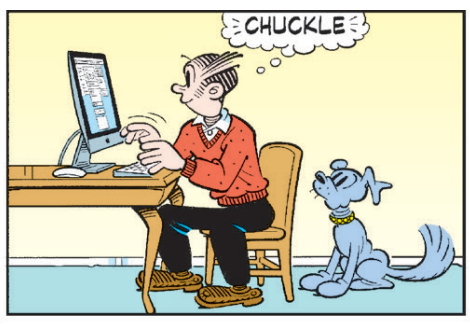

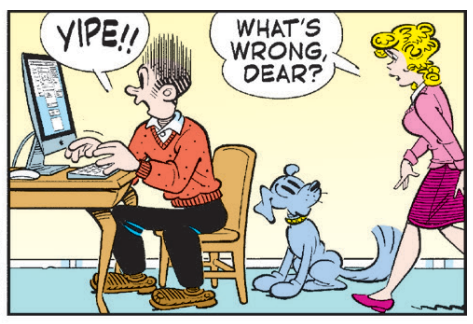

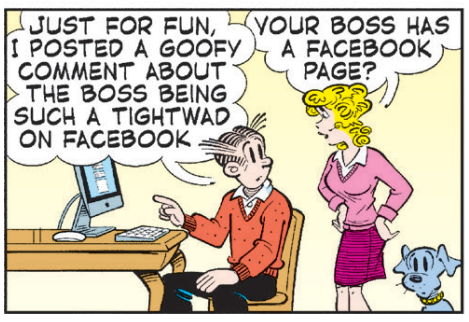

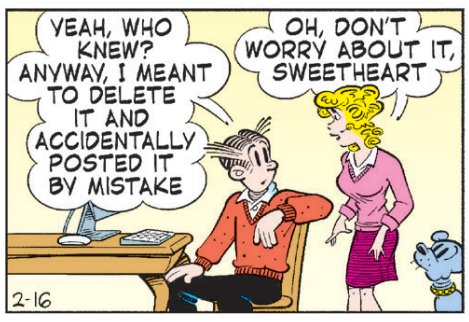

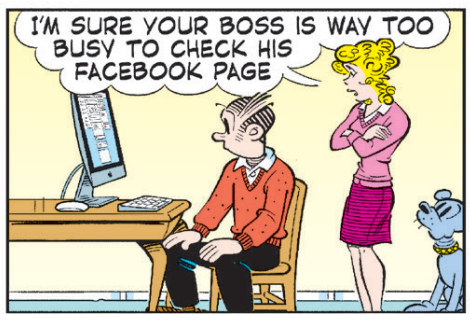

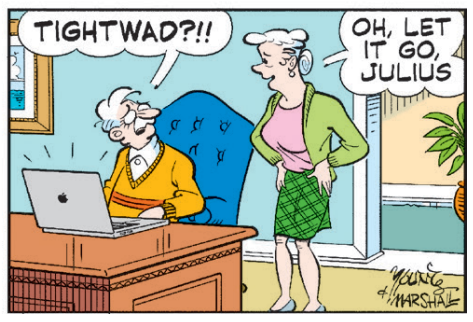

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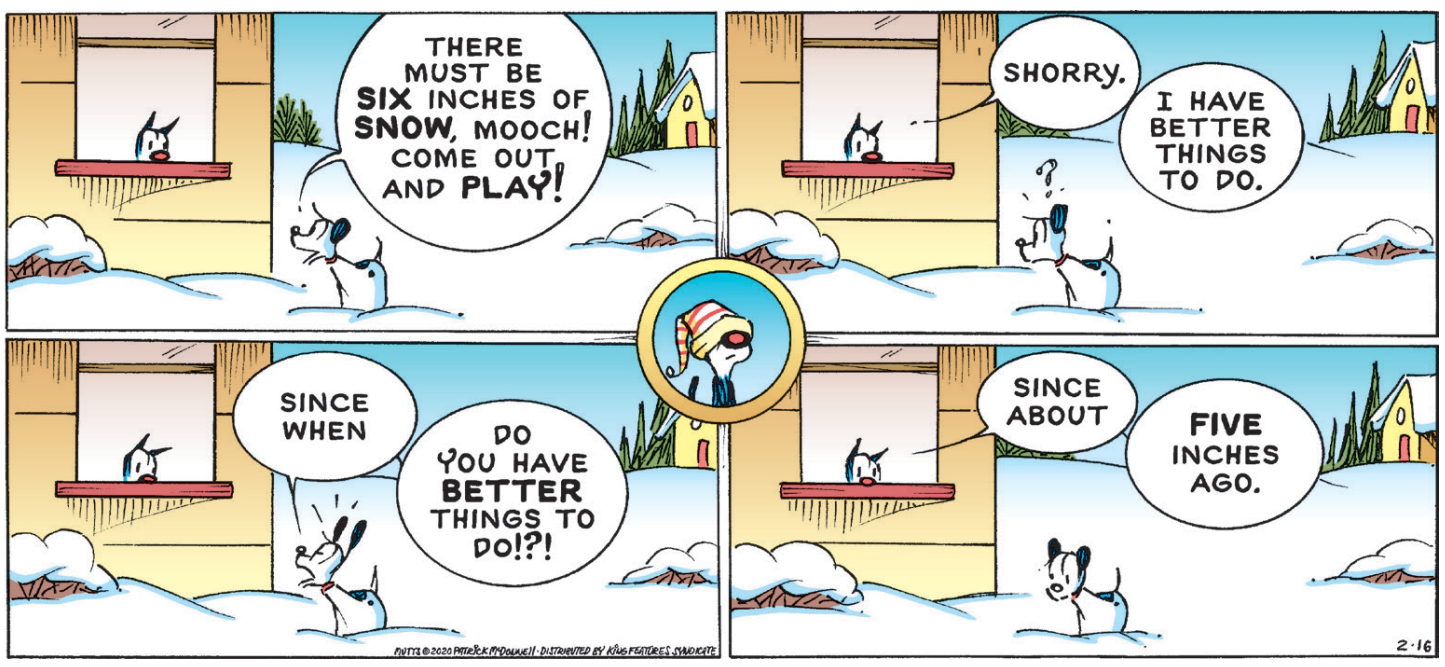
Patrick McDonnell


THERE MUST BE SIX INCHES OF SNOW, MOOCH! COME OUT AND PLAY!
SHORRY.
I HAVE BETTER THINGS TO DO.
SINCE WHEN
DO YOU HAVE BETTER THINGS TO DO!?!
SINCE ABOUT
FIVE INCHES AGO.
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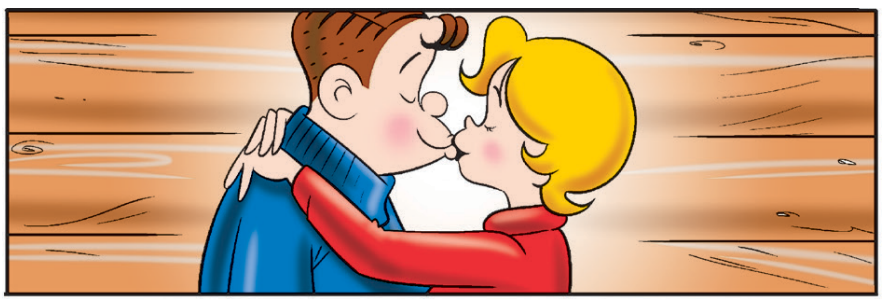
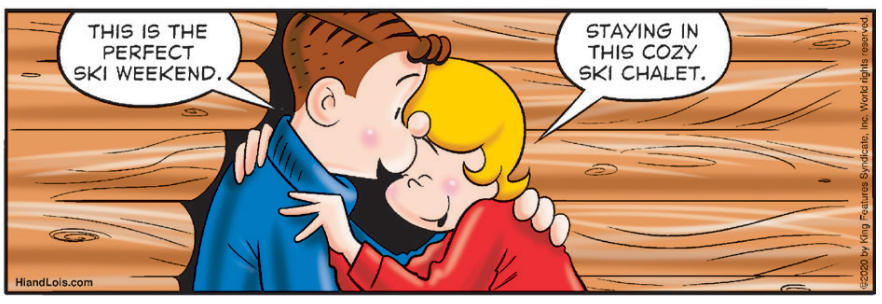
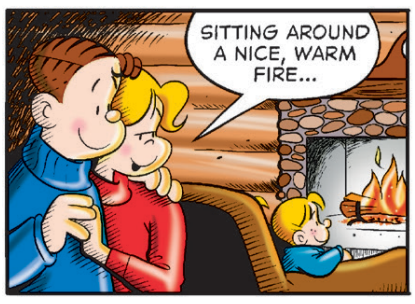
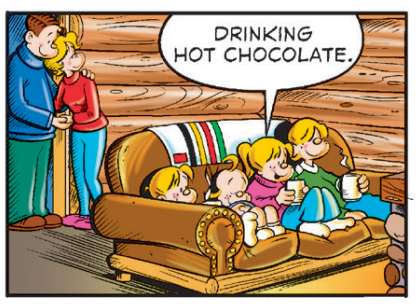
Hi and Lois

by BRIAN and GREG WALKER









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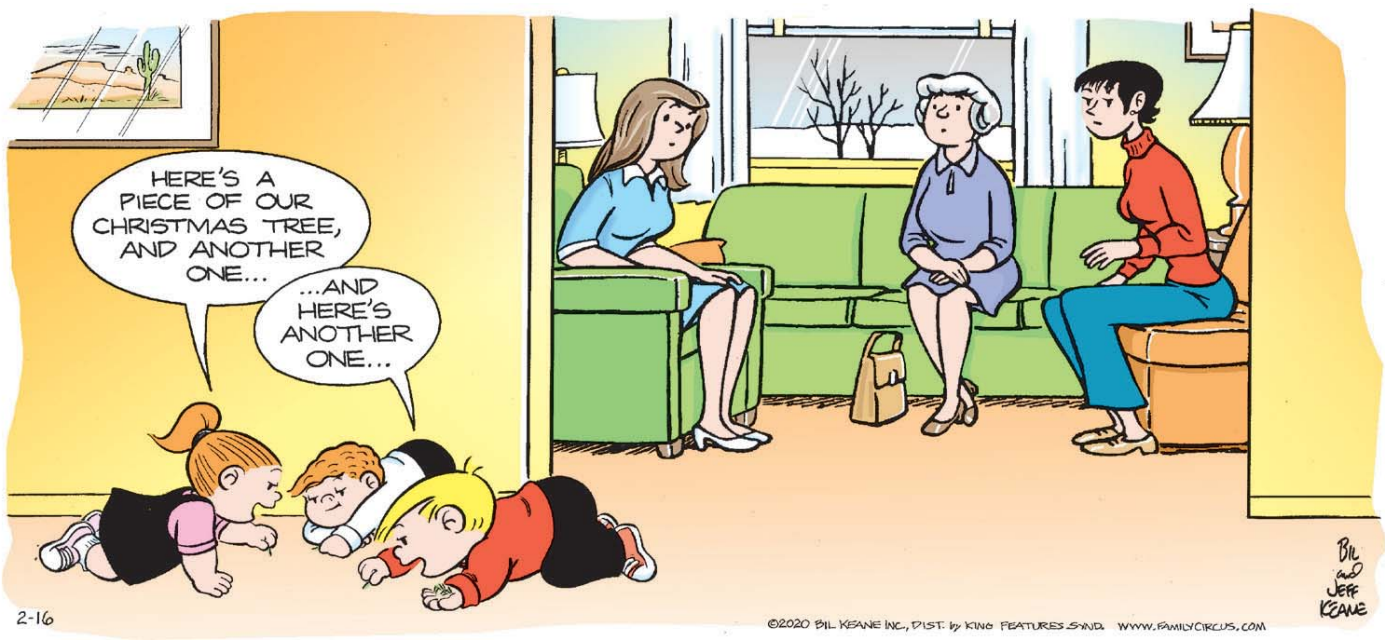
HERE'S A PIECE OF OUR CHRISTMAS TREE, AND ANOTHER ONE...
...AND HERE'S ANOTHER ONE...
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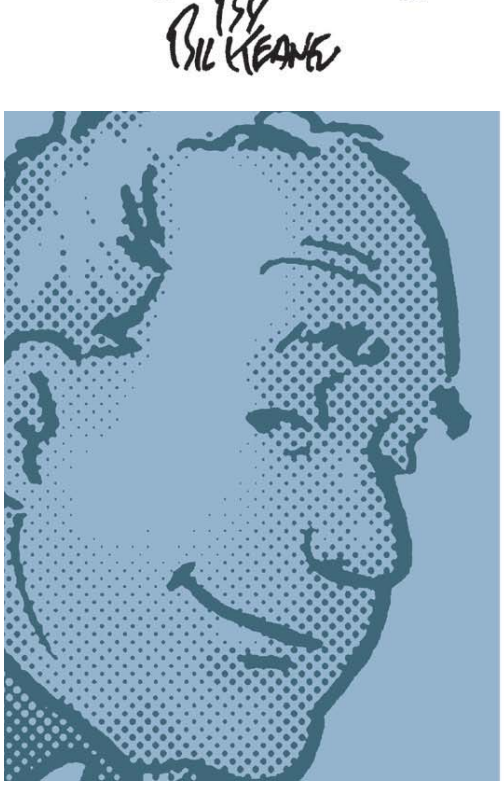

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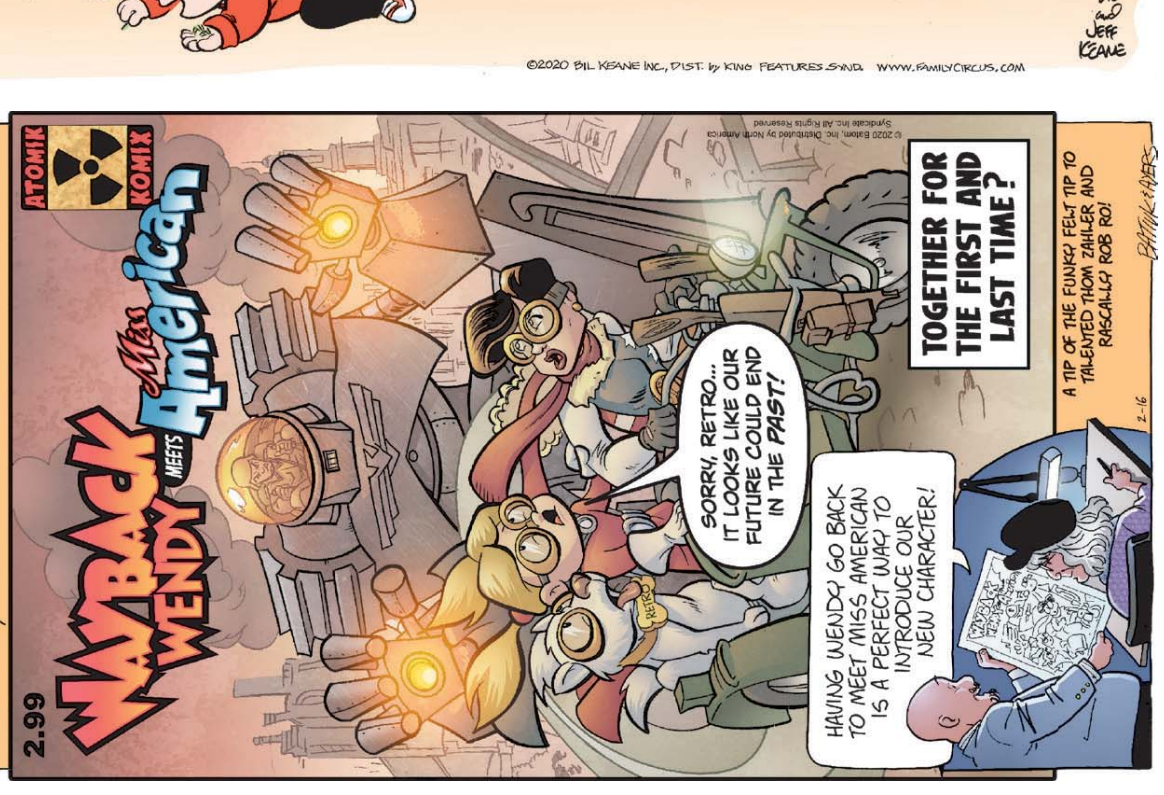
ATOMIK KOMIX
WAYBACK MEETS Miss American WENDY
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SORRY, RETRO... IT LOOKS LIKE OUR FUTURE COULD END IN THE PAST!
HAVING WENDY GO BACK TO MEET MISS AMERICAN IS A PERFECT WAY TO INTRODUCE OUR NEW CHARACTER!
TOGETHER FOR THE FIRST AND LAST TIME?
A TIP OF THE FUNKY FELT TIP TO TALENTED THOM ZAHLER AND RASCALLY ROB RO!
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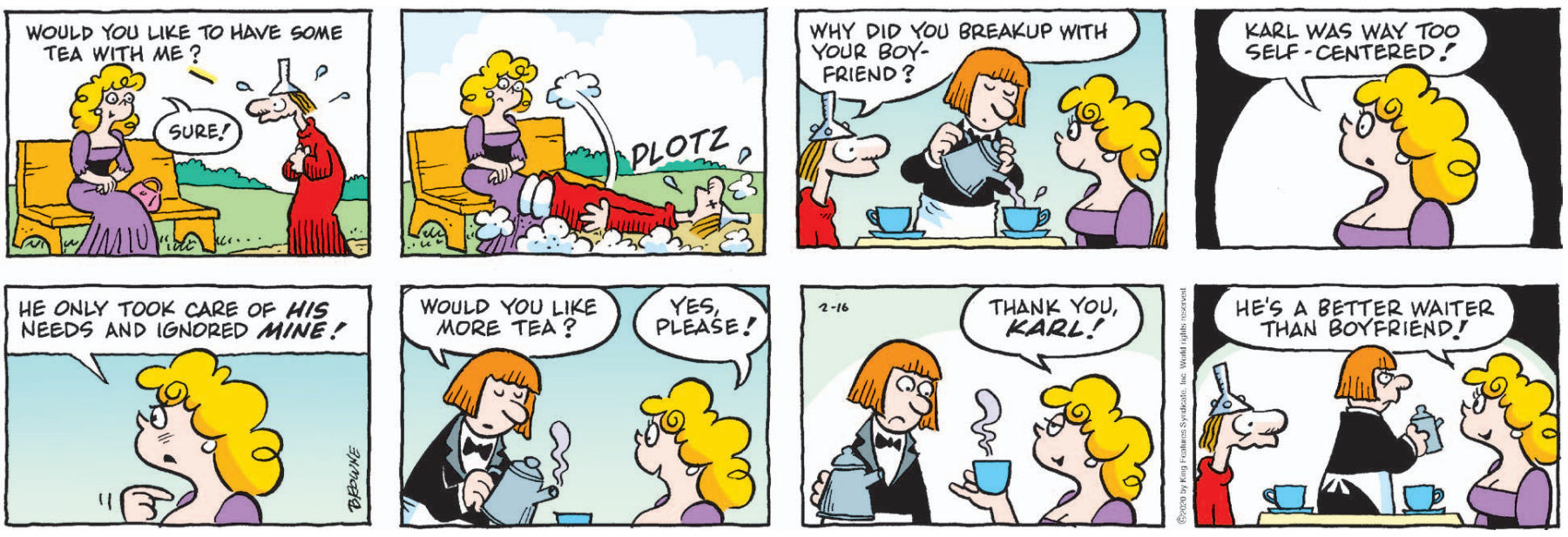
HAGAR the horrible

by DIK BROWNE


WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE SOME TEA WITH ME?
SURE!
PLOTZ
WHY DID YOU BREAKUP WITH YOUR BOY-FRIEND?
KARL WAS WAY TOO SELF-CENTERED!
HE ONLY TOOK CARE OF HIS NEEDS AND IGNORED MINE!
BROWNE
WOULD YOU LIKE MORE TEA?
YES, PLEASE!
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THANK YOU, KARL!
HE'S A BETTER WAITER THAN BOYFRIEND!
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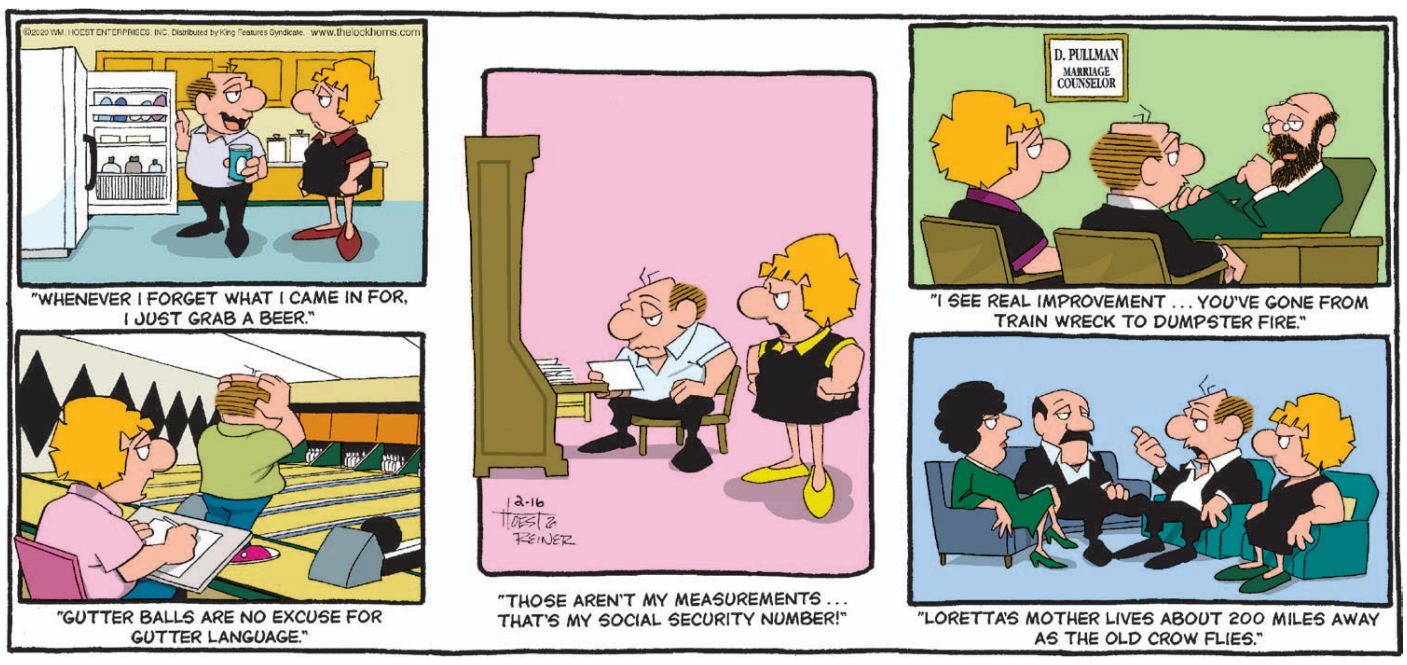
THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER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"WHENEVER I FORGET WHAT I CAME IN FOR, I JUST GRAB A BEER."
"GUTTER BALLS ARE NO EXCUSE FOR GUTTER LANGUAGE."
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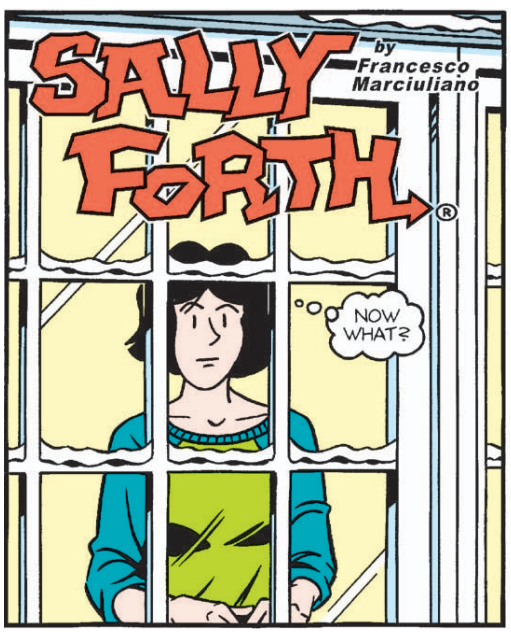
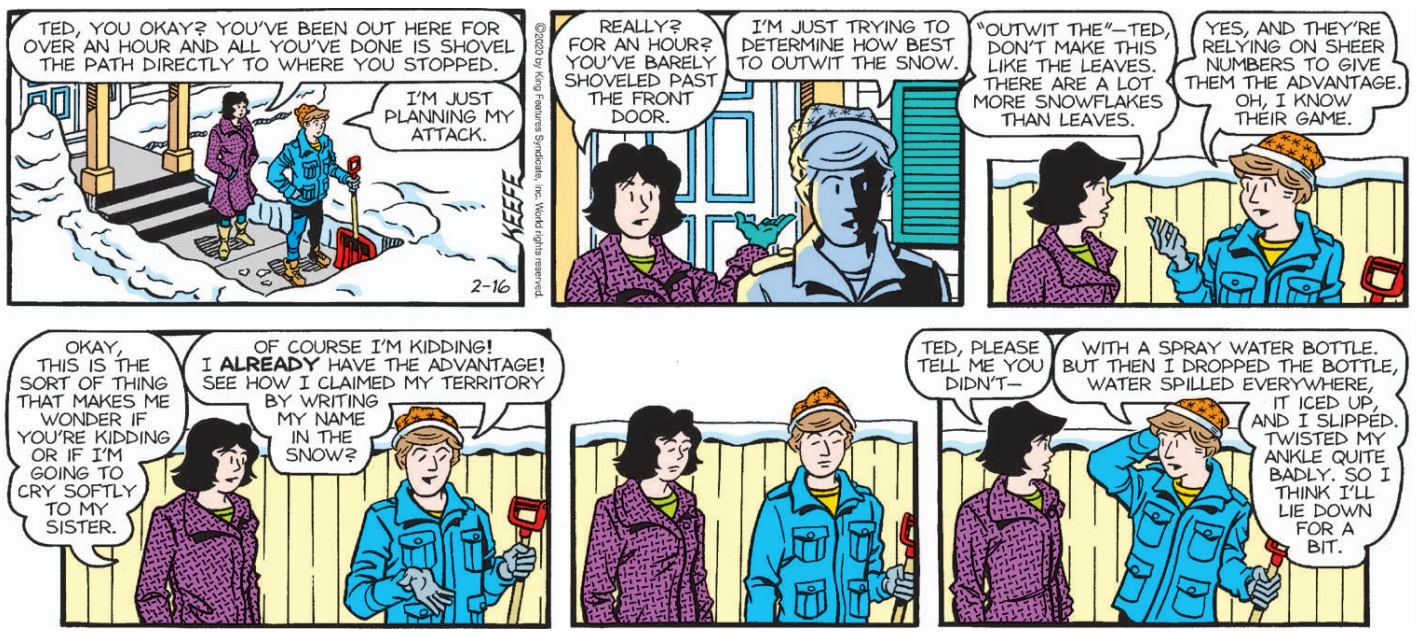
HOEST & REINER
"THOSE AREN'T MY MEASUREMENTS . . . THAT'S MY SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER!"
D. PULLMAN MARRIAGE COUNSELOR
"I SEE REAL IMPROVEMENT . . . YOU'VE GONE FROM TRAIN WRECK TO DUMPSTER FIRE."
"LORETTA'S MOTHER LIVES ABOUT 200 MILES AWAY AS THE OLD CROW FLIES."

SALLY FORTH®

by Francesco Marciuliano




TED, YOU OKAY? YOU'VE BEEN OUT HERE FOR OVER AN HOUR AND ALL YOU'VE DONE IS SHOVEL THE PATH DIRECTLY TO WHERE YOU STOPPED.
I'M JUST PLANNING MY ATTACK.
KEEFE
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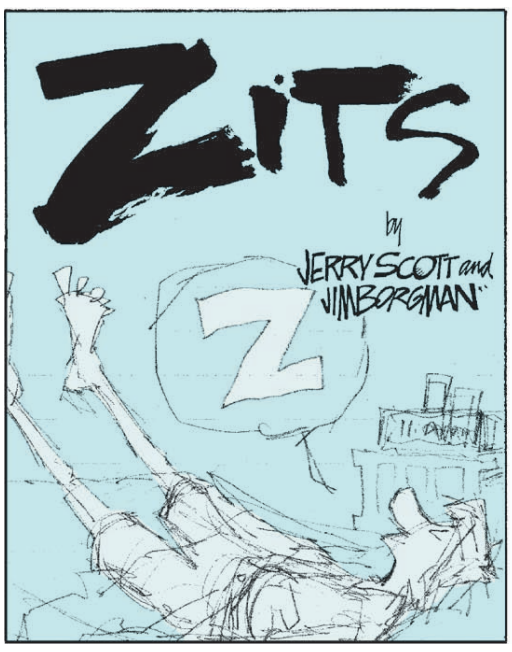
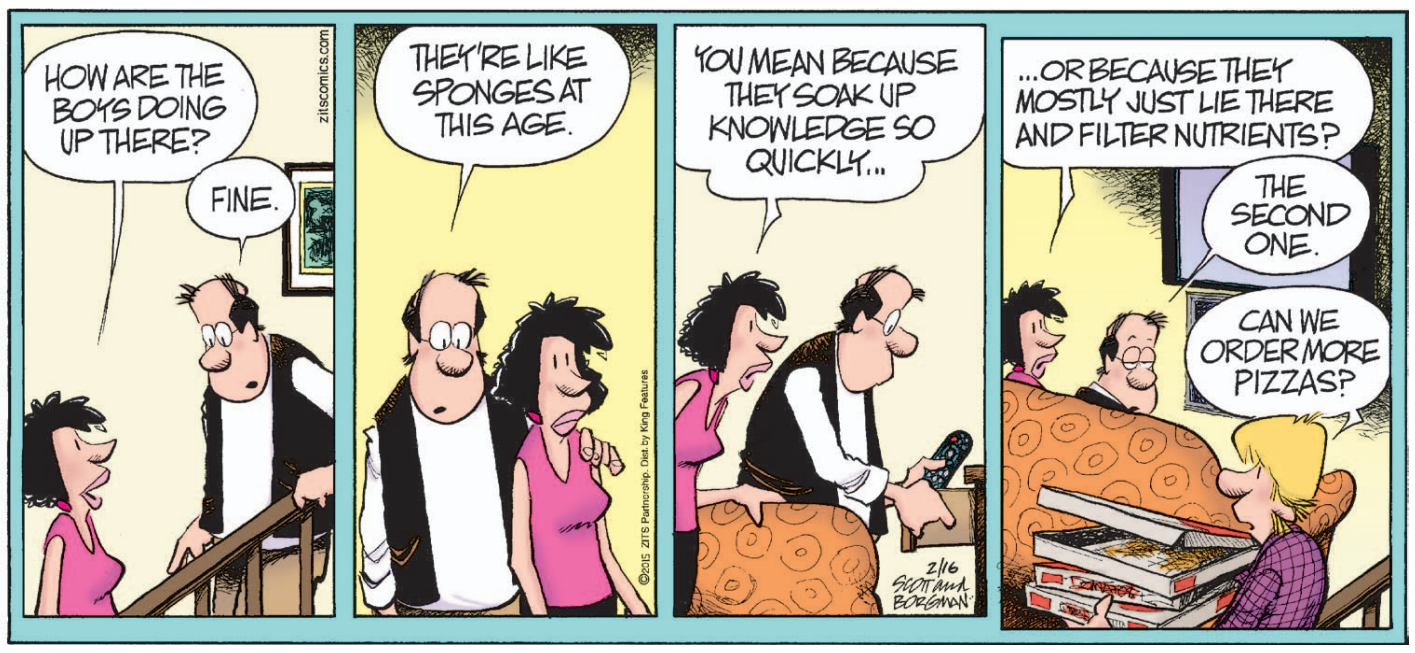
REALLY? FOR AN HOUR? YOU'VE BARELY SHOVELED PAST THE FRONT DOOR.
I'M JUST TRYING TO DETERMINE HOW BEST TO OUTWIT THE SNOW.
"OUTWIT THE"—TED, DON'T MAKE THIS LIKE THE LEAVES. THERE ARE A LOT MORE SNOWFLAKES THAN LEAVES.
YES, AND THEY'RE RELYING ON SHEER NUMBERS TO GIVE THEM THE ADVANTAGE. OH, I KNOW THEIR GAME.
OKAY, THIS IS THE SORT OF THING THAT MAKES ME WONDER IF YOU'RE KIDDING OR IF I'M GOING TO CRY SOFTLY TO MY SISTER.
OF COURSE I'M KIDDING! I ALREADY HAVE THE ADVANTAGE! SEE HOW I CLAIMED MY TERRITORY BY WRITING MY NAME IN THE SNOW?
TED, PLEASE TELL ME YOU DIDN'T—
WITH A SPRAY WATER BOTTLE. BUT THEN I DROPPED THE BOTTLE, WATER SPILLED EVERYWHERE, IT ICED UP, AND I SLIPPED. TWISTED MY ANKLE QUITE BADLY. SO I THINK I'LL LIE DOWN FOR A BIT.

ZITS

by JERRY SCOTT and JIM BORGMAN

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HOW ARE THE BOYS DOING UP THERE?
FINE.
THEY'RE LIKE SPONGES AT THIS AGE.
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YOU MEAN BECAUSE THEY SOAK UP KNOWLEDGE SO QUICKLY...
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SCOTT and BORGMAN
...OR BECAUSE THEY MOSTLY JUST LIE THERE AND FILTER NUTRIENTS?
THE SECOND ONE.
CAN WE ORDER MORE PIZZAS?

FORT KNOX™

by Paul Jon

I WANT TO GO ON A SPRING CRUISE.
THAT SOUNDS WONDERFUL, PEARL.
DOESN'T IT? THE CARIBBEAN IS BEAUTIFUL THIS TIME OF YEAR.
TOTALLY.
AND JUST THINK OF HOW ROMANTIC IT WOULD BE!
OH, YES.
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I JUST NEED THE PERFECT COMPANION.
A CERTAIN GENERAL?
NO, HIS DOG MONDO.
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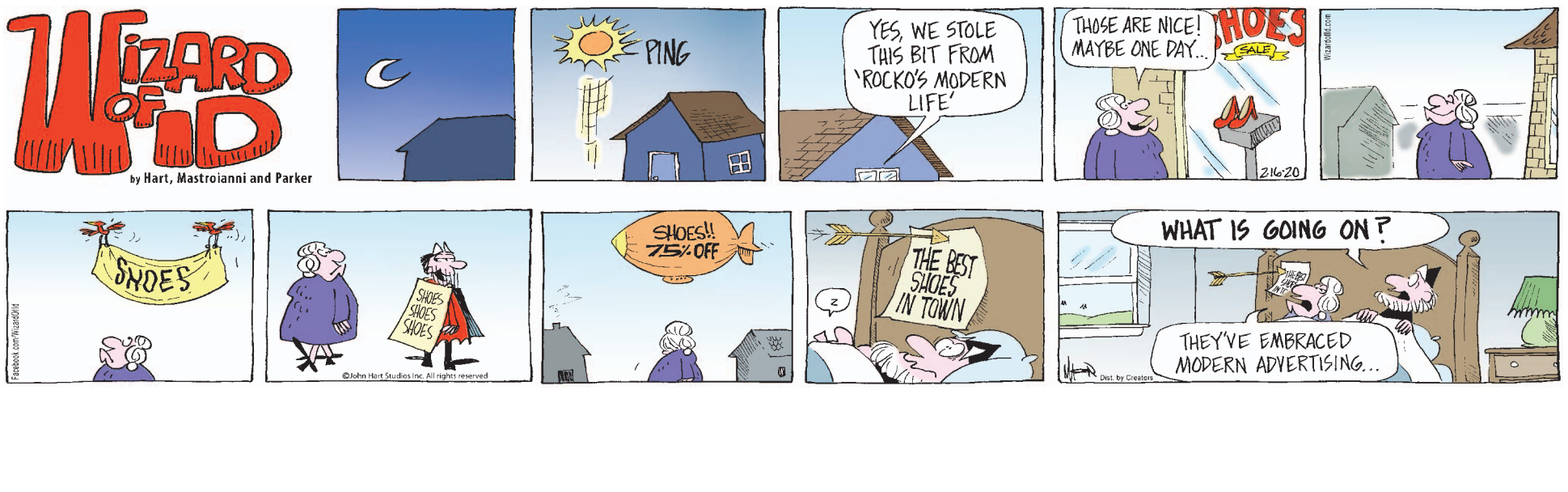
WIZARD OF ID

by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker



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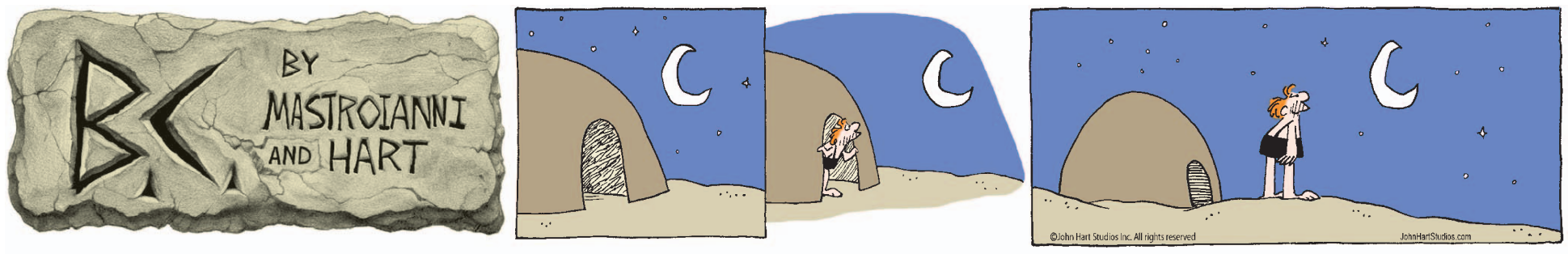
BY MASTROIANNI AND HART



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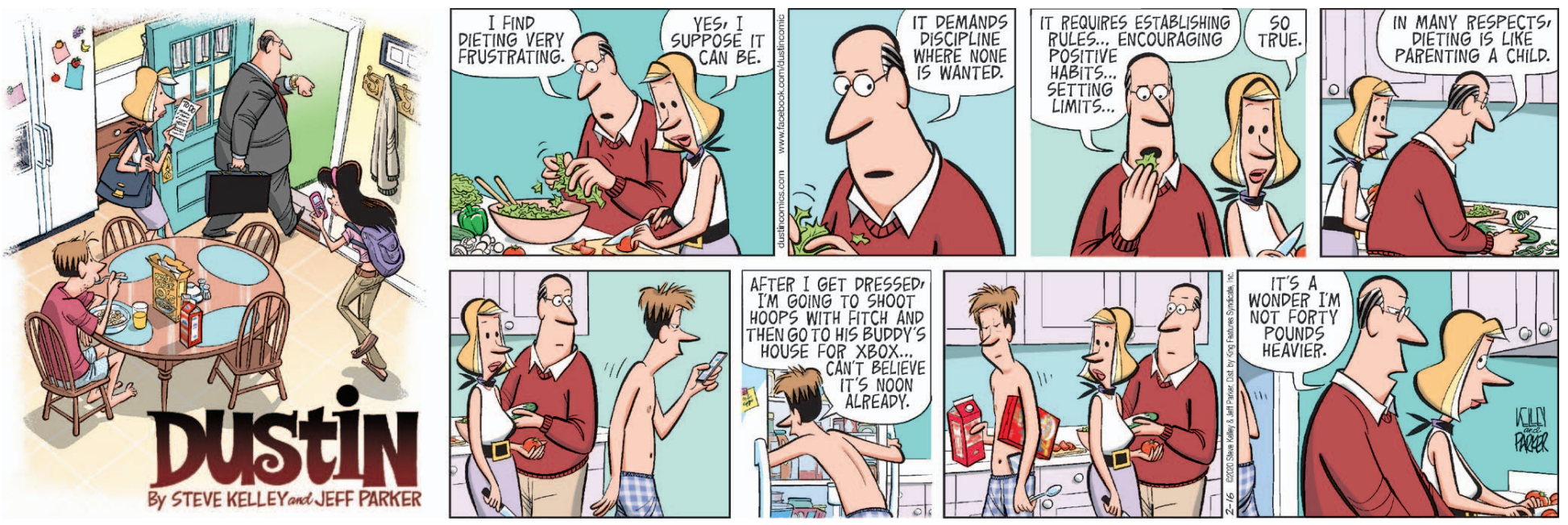
DUSTIN

By STEVE KELLEY and JEFF PARKER


I FIND DIETING VERY FRUSTRATING.
YES, I SUPPOSE IT CAN BE.
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IT DEMANDS DISCIPLINE WHERE NONE IS WANTED.
IT REQUIRES ESTABLISHING RULES... ENCOURAGING POSITIVE HABITS... SETTING LIMITS...
SO TRUE.
IN MANY RESPECTS, DIETING IS LIKE PARENTING A CHILD.
AFTER I GET DRESSED, I'M GOING TO SHOOT HOOPS WITH FITCH AND THEN GO TO HIS BUDDY'S HOUSE FOR XBOX... CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S NOON ALREADY.
IT'S A WONDER I'M NOT FORTY POUNDS HEAVIER.
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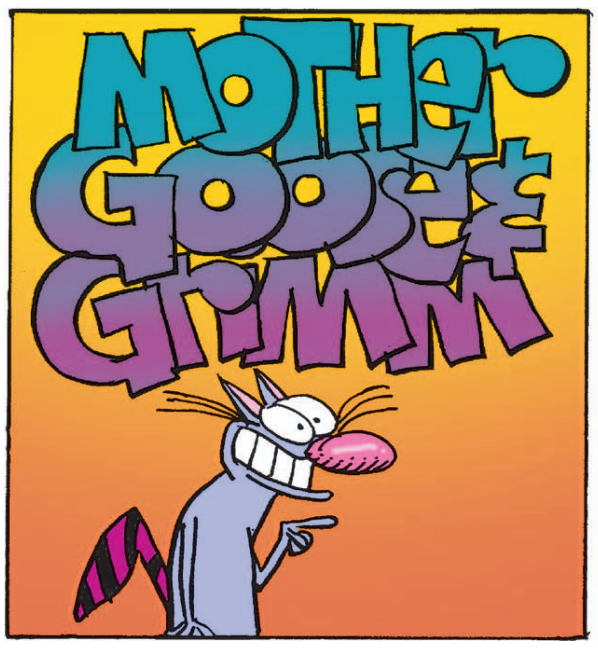
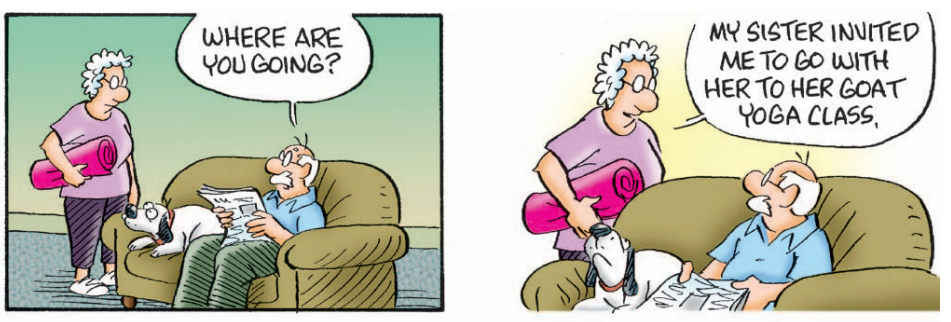
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM



PICKLES

by BRIAN CRANE


WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
MY SISTER INVITED ME TO GO WITH HER TO HER GOAT YOGA CLASS.
IT'S LIKE REGULAR YOGA, ONLY WITH CUTE LITTLE GOATS RUNNING AROUND.
DOESN'T THAT SOUND FUN?
EXCEPT FOR THE GOAT POOP, OF COURSE.
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SORRY, THIS ONE'S FOR WOMEN ONLY. NO MEN ALLOWED.
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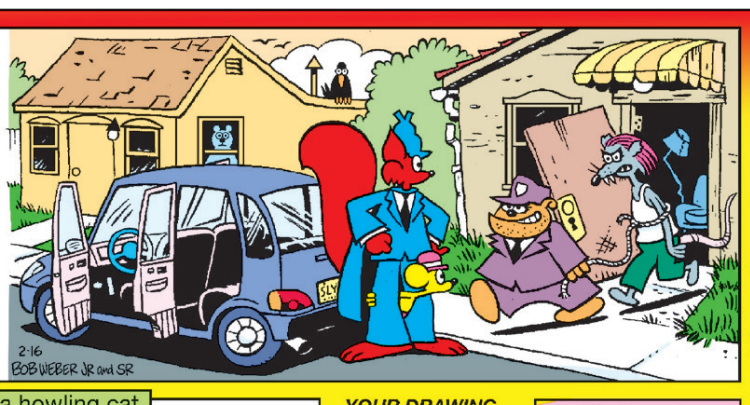
IMAGINE MY DISAPPOINTMENT!

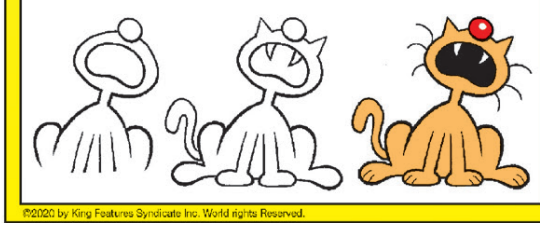
Bob Weber Jr.'s SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

Slylock Fox drove a bounty hunter to a vacant house where Slick Smitty was hiding. Before they parked, the bounty hunter told Slylock and Max Mouse not to close the car doors when they exit. Max didn't understand why, but Slylock did. Do you?

Solution -- The sound of a car door closing may have alerted Slick Smitty and perhaps enabled him to escape out the back of the house.



HOW TO DRAW a howling cat



YOUR DRAWING

Today's terrific artist is Jonathan, age 16

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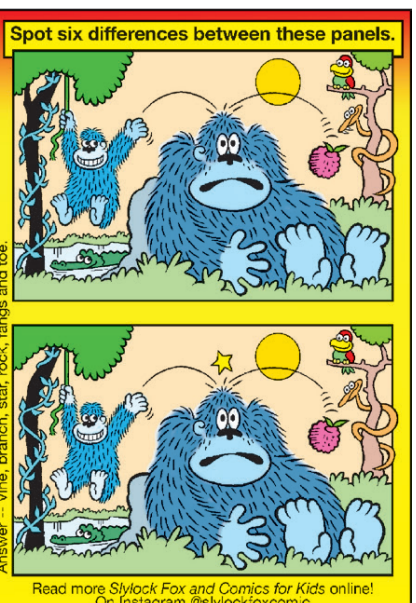
The longest venomous snake in the world is the ...

a) Rattlesnake
b) Anaconda
c) King cobra
d) Coral snake
e) Copperhead

Answer -- c) The king cobra can reach a length of eighteen feet.

Spot six differences between these panels.



Answer -- Vine, branch, star, rock, fangs and toe.

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